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Pentagon announces Seoul to get F-16s

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — The Pentagon announced Monday plans to sell South Korea 36 advanced F-16 jet fighters for about \$ 900 million, a move underscoring President Ronald Reagan's pledge to maintain strong support of the United States' northeast Asia ally.

The Pentagon's proposed "letter of offer" was sent to Congress two days before the opening of talks between Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and South Korean Defense Minister Choo Young Bock in San Francisco. The San Francisco meeting of the U.S.-Korean "security consultative" group has special significance this year. The administration of former President Jimmy Carter in effect canceled the 1980 meeting last summer because of reported concerns about human rights policies of the South Korean government.

The Carter administration had agreed several years ago in principle to supply F-16s to

the South Koreans, but never followed through on the commitment. In its presentation to Congress, the Pentagon said the South Koreans need the F-16s to offset a roughly 2-1 numerical advantage in warplanes enjoyed by Communist North Korea.

"The Republic of Korea requires additional fighter aircraft to replace its aging F-86 and F-5a aircraft, which are nearing the end of the service lives," the Pentagon said. According to the latest intelligence estimates, the North Korean Air Force outnumbered the South Korean Air Force by about 615 to some 362 combat planes.

The proposed sale can be blocked only by a vote of both houses of Congress within 30 days. "This sale will contribute to the foreign policy objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for modernization and progress in eastern Asia," the Pentagon said.

In February, shortly after assuming office, Reagan met in Washington with South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan and they later issued a joint statement affirming that the United States would make available for sale to South Korea "appropriate weapons systems and defense industry technology for enhancing Korea's capabilities to deter aggression."

Chun also said at the time that Reagan had given him "firm assurances" that the United States had no intention of withdrawing its forces from Korea.

The Carter administration came into office in 1977 with the announced intention of withdrawing all U.S. ground troops while maintaining an air power presence there. However, intelligence reports of a major North Korean buildup led Carter to halt the withdrawal after 3,400 U.S. troops had been pulled out.

A recent report on deployment of U.S. forces around the world said the United States had 37,500 troops in South Korea, principally army and air force personnel and a small number of sailors and marines. Pentagon sources said they expect that South Korean defense officials will press Weinberger for easier payment terms on arms sales, including longer payment periods.

Airports closed in Scotland; BA jets near miss

LONDON, April 28 (AP) — Scottish airports at Prestwick, Glasgow and Edinburgh were closed Tuesday morning as Britain's air traffic controllers staged a second day of strike action for more pay.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that two British Airways jetliners had a near-miss Monday morning over southern England during a six and one-half hour strike by London's air controllers.

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman confirmed the incident but said it was apparently due to equipment failure, not the traffic controllers' strike.

Tuesday's renewed action by controllers belonging to Britain's civil service unions was in support of a pay claim of 15 per cent for the unions' 570,000 members. Already tax inspectors and other civil servants have staged sporadic strikes.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government had raised its budget from an initial offer of seven per cent.

Communists back Mitterrand

PARIS, April 28 (Agencies) — The French Communist Party Tuesday gave its backing to Socialist candidate Francois Mitterrand in the second round of the presidential election, May 10.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the party's central committee. Communist leader Georges Marchais polled 15.34 per cent in the first round Sunday — the party's worst showing since 1936. Mitterrand polled 25.84 per cent, 2.47 points less than his rival, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Marchais' electorate "constitutes an important and clear-thinking force in favor of change and union. No one can act, or will be able to act, without taking this into account," the central committee said. "We are decided to do all that is necessary to beat Giscard d'Estaing and his policy. There can be no question of our supporting him, and we do not want to abstain," the committee's communique added.

"Francois Mitterrand remains woolly in his aims and means, he refuses Communist ministers (in a future government), and rejects negotiations (with the Communist Party) between the two rounds of voting," the communique said. The communique said it was necessary to rally the broad popular forces to prevent him governing with the right and to impose true change.

Giscard emerged from Sunday's first round with a 2.47 per cent lead over Mitterrand, final interior ministry results showed Tuesday.

The abstention rate was 18.91 per cent of a total 36,418,664 registered voters, according

Candidate	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Valery Giscard d'Estaing	6,222,969	28.31	per cent
Francois Mitterrand	7,508,295	25.84	per cent
Georges Marchais	5,225,738	17.99	per cent
Georges Marchais (Communist)	4,656,979	15.34	per cent
Eric Lohoué (Ecologist)	1,126,282	3.87	per cent
Arlette Laguiller (Trotskyist)	668,195	2.28	per cent
Michel Crepeau (Moderate Left)	642,815	2.21	per cent
Michel Debret (Inst. Communist)	482,867	1.66	per cent
Marie-Françoise Gervaud (Inst. Communist)	384,499	1.33	per cent
Elisabeth Boudier (Inst. Communist)	321,391	1.10	per cent

to the ministry which gave final results as follows:

The Communist decision means that Mitterrand, should he be assured of well over 40 per cent in next month's decisive poll to decide who rules France for the next seven years.

Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, Giscard d'Estaing's principal rival on the right, who gained 18 per cent at the weekend, said Monday he would vote for the president but told his supporters to decide what to do according to their conscience.

Although the decision appeared to strengthen the Socialist leader's chances of ultimate victory, it could also scare off centrist voters who might have switched to him but fear he would allow Communist leader Georges Marchais access to power.

The statement from the party said the decision to support Mitterrand was aimed at creating conditions where Communists would have a place in government.



MEETING: Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany and Crown Prince Fahd during a meeting in Riyadh. (Photo by Muhammad Ibrahim)

Sabah's Moscow trip Kuwait briefs Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain, April 28 — Kuwaiti Minister of State Abdullah Yakoub Bishara has ended a two-day tour of Gulf states to brief their rulers on the talks held by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad in Moscow.

Arab News learnt that the Kuwaiti envoy, who met Prime Minister of Bahrain Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Sunday, reported on the two issues discussed in Moscow — that of an international conference over the Middle East to be attended by all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the PLO, and that of an Indian Ocean countries' conference to be held later this year.

According to the Kuwaiti view, the first conference aims at the "destruction" of the Camp David approach to peace — as the Kuwaiti vice premier's statement in Moscow said. The second is designed as a follow-up to the resolution by the U.N. Security Council which called for ensuring the peace and security of the Indian Ocean zone.

The conference is to declare the area's neutrality and the removal of the East-West confrontation from the Gulf specifically. Kuwait has already publicized the view that the removal of all Soviet military presence from South Yemen would automatically nullify any reason for "facilities" given to the Americans.

U.N. Sinai unit ruled out

CAIRO, April 28 (AP) — A top Egyptian Foreign Ministry official Tuesday said the Soviet Union's opposition to the Egypt-Israel peace treaty had ruled out the formation of a Sinai peacekeeping force under the auspices of the United Nations.

In the interview with the Cairo daily *Al-Akhar*, first undersecretary for foreign affairs Osama Baz said Egypt and United States had launched a campaign to convince member nations of the U.N. Security Council to authorize creation of such a force. "In our estimation it would have been better to form the Sinai force under U.N. auspices, giving it clear guarantees and controls and giving the international community a greater role in maintaining Mideast peace," the paper quoted Baz as saying.

"But there are indications that the Soviet Union will adopt a negative attitude to this suggestion, and we will resort to an alternative," Baz told the newspaper. The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty of March 1979 calls for the United Nations to station an international peacekeeping force along the two countries' borders after Israel's final withdrawal next April from the last bit of Egyptian land it captured in 1967.

But because of its opposition to the peace pact, which it played no role in formulating, the Soviet Union has threatened to use its Security Council veto to block the creation of a U.N. force. The alternative Baz referred to in the interview is "the creation of a multinational peacekeeping force, to be put together by the United States."

Baz told *Al-Akhar* that in his opinion the Soviet Union's opposition to a U.N. force in fact increased the United States' role in the Mideast peace process. "A role the Soviets did not want America to have at all."

As Russia opposes

Jordan Embassy contract signed

RIYADH, April 28 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman Tuesday signed the first contract of land ownership with the Jordanian government for building its embassy and ambassador's residence in the diplomatic quarter here.

Of the two plots of land costing over SR2.4 million, the one measuring 4,500 sq. meters will be used for the embassy premises. The ambassador's residence is to be constructed on the other plot of 3,398 sq. meters.

The contract was signed by Jordanian Ambassador Tharwat Talhoumi on behalf of his government. Present at the ceremony was Dr. Muhammad Al Sheikh, director of the Foreign Ministry and Embassies movement project.

Prince Salman said he was happy to sign the first contract of its kind, and hoped that it would augur well for the project under which foreign missions would construct their headquarters and residences in the diplomatic quarter.

quarter. He added that steps were also being taken for the housing of the embassies' staff.

The governor said the project was going ahead as planned and has already made considerable progress. In regard to the Foreign Ministry building, he said the contract would be let in the near future and the building would be ready with the whole project.

Last year the main contract for 612 villas of various sizes, was awarded to three Saudi Arabian, Japanese, and Korean firms for a total of SR636 million. Situated four kilometers away from the present row, the project will be built over an area of six million square meters and will have all the services and utilities of a small and modern town. A SR384 million contract for the infrastructure was signed two years ago.

When the project is completed all the embassies based in Jeddah will be transferred to the capital. In due course, it is estimated, the embassy row will have a population of more than 10,000 people.

Yamani's sense of humor piques Israel

WASHINGTON, April 28 (R) — Israel has accused Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani of making a "sick joke" against Israel during a speech in New York last week and called on the United States to rebuke him.

Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron claimed Sheikh Yamani's remarks to the Foreign Policy Association violated accepted norms of diplomatic behavior and were offensive to Israel. Sheikh Yamani told a story, heard from a Bedouin, to illustrate how most Saudi Arabians view the United States. It was about a man who vowed that if God

returned his lost son, he would sell his camel worth 1,000 riyals for one riyal.

The son was returned but the man resorted to trickery in keeping his vow. He attached a mouse to the camel's tail and said the camel's price was still only one riyal but that the mouse cost 1,000 riyals and the two could only be sold together. The camel was the United States and the mouse was Israel. The story drew laughter from the audience of oil executives and other businessmen.

"We found that the sick joke which he used had something very close to an anti-Semitic ring to it," the ambassador alleged.

Evron told reporters he had asked assistant secretary of state-designate Nicholas Vekotes to inform Sheikh Yamani "that these kinds of public utterances cannot be tolerated."

The Israeli ambassador said the State Department also appeared to be concerned about Sheikh Yamani's remarks and was seeking a text of what he said before taking any action.

Arab army chiefs meet

TUNIS, April 28 (SPA) — Arab chiefs of joint staffs Tuesday began a five-day meeting to discuss a joint Arab command. The chiefs will also discuss Arab armament industries and prepare for a ministerial defense conference. The meeting here comes at the recommendations taken by the Arab summit conference held in Amman late last year.

Fahd, Schmidt boost relations

One meeting lasts 3 hours

By Ingo Hertel

RIYADH, April 28 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Crown Prince Fahd have agreed on closer political and economic cooperation between the Federal Republic of Germany and Saudi Arabia, according to German delegation sources.

They said this was the outcome early Tuesday of a morning session meeting between Schmidt and Fahd following a dinner given for the chancellor by King Khaled Monday night.

The unscheduled meeting lasted three hours and ended at about one a.m. The two governments also agreed in their evaluation of the Middle East situation, the sources said. Both believe that the Palestine Liberation Organization might lose patience and ask the Soviet Union to put pressure on the region if a peace formula was not found soon, they added.

Fahd told Schmidt the Saudi Arabian government regarded Israel's reluctance to accept proposals for a settlement a bigger threat to the region than the implications of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the sources said.

Saudi Arabia made its views on this known to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig during his recent visit here, the sources said.

Later Tuesday Schmidt discussed details of economic and financial cooperation between the Federal Republic and its largest foreign creditor in further talks with the Saudi Arabian government.

Chancellor Schmidt and his economics minister, Count Otto Lambsdorff, also held talks with a number of cabinet ministers, including Crown Prince Fahd, the finance and economics minister, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, and the oil minister, Sheikh

Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Lambsdorff will have a second round of talks with Aba Al Khail and the minister for industry and electricity, Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, before leaving Riyadh for home Wednesday.

Schmidt was due to hold further talks with Fahd Tuesday night, without Lambsdorff, before leaving for an official visit to the United Arab Emirates Wednesday. Tuesday afternoon the chancellor met representatives of Saudi Arabia's 10,000 strong German expatriate community.

AWACS deal to be explained

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 28 — President Ronald Reagan will explain his decision to sell AWACS radar aircraft to Saudi Arabia in a major foreign policy speech to be delivered within the next few weeks, according to a report published Tuesday.

The president's address will also include other foreign policy issues, including the administration's decision to end the Soviet grain embargo, *The New York Times* said.

The newspaper quoted administration officials as saying the White House had become concerned in recent days about the political controversy that had developed over the proposed AWACS sale and the lifting of the grain embargo.

These officials said the Reagan administration would make a greater effort to explain the grain embargo decision to the public, but they denied there would be any "public opinion campaign" by the White House in support of the Saudi Arabian arms sale, *The Times* said.

Two wars ravaging Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 28 (AFP) — Two totally separate wars are currently raging in Lebanon, opposing two sets of combatants fighting for two different reasons and sharing only the fact that they are ravaging the same country; and long-tried civilian population.

In the north, the war is between Syria and Lebanon, with both sides stopping at shelling each other's positions and the odd exchange of machine-gun fire.

In the south, Israel is using the full might of a sophisticated military power against the Palestinians who could never threaten Israeli security, the most they can do is remind the world of the plight of the Palestinian people.

To complicate matters further, the Syrian-Lebanese "war" is being fought on two separate fronts: in Beirut and around the predominantly Christian town of Zahle, 45 kms to the east.

In Zahle, 200 to 300 militia of the Lebanese forces — a coalition of formerly rival Christian-conservative factions — have been holding the town for almost a month against a siege by the Syrian-led Arab Deterrent Force.

The Syrian troops have not attempted to enter the town. The main object of the siege is to gain control of heights dominating the two main highways through the Bekaa plain to Syria. To Homs in the north and Damascus in the east.

The bitterest fighting over the past few days was for the Sannin crest, on a range of hills northeast of the Beirut, dominating all Christian areas as far as the sea.

Units of the pro-Syrian People's National Socialist Party are involved in this battle but have denied that they are backed up by the Deterrent Force — as alleged by the Christians.

In Tel Aviv a military spokesman Tuesday claimed that Israeli air force planes shot down a Syrian helicopter over the embattled central Lebanon in the most direct intervention so far in support of Christian Lebanese militia. The spokesman said the helicopter was brought down in the Bekaa valley east of Zahle.

The spokesman claimed: "Israel today brought down a Syrian helicopter because helicopters of this type go out to attack and murder Christians in the Lebanese mountains."

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam arrived here Tuesday for two days of talks with Lebanese and warning militia leaders in a fresh bid to resolve armed conflicts that have claimed more than 400 lives in Lebanon this month.

Khaddam, who arrived from the Syrian capital, Damascus, by car, was accompanied by Brig. Sami Khatib, commander of the Arab deterrent force. He is scheduled to meet with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan and later will confer separately with Christian and Muslim Lebanese political leaders.

Pierre Gemayel, the leader of the Phalange Party, whose militia has been locked in scattered battles against the ADF for the past month, will be having his first meeting with Khaddam in three years.

In another development the British embassy here advised British citizens in Lebanon Tuesday to consider leaving if they had no urgent need to remain in the country. The embassy was the first to issue such advice to members of the foreign community. The U.S. and French embassy said they had no plans to issue similar advice to their nationals.

Beirut International Airport has been closed for six days because of the security situation.

In Washington the State Department said Monday it views "with deep concern" the recent outbreak of fighting in Lebanon and claimed the taking of new positions by Syrian troops in central Lebanon "represents a major change in the status quo."

Spokesman Dean Fischer said the Syrian move is one of the "serious developments that concern us."

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Directors conclude IDB talks

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 28 — Executive directors of the Islamic Development Bank wound up their 49th session here Monday evening after three days of meetings under IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

The directors decided that the bank to share \$3,200,000 in the equity of Guney Cam industrial project in Turkey. The bank's participation will help raise to 20,000 metric tons annually the production capacity of Guney Glass Industries Ltd. Co. in that country.

Tunisia's Economic Development Bank will receive a five million Islamic dinar line of equity from the IDB to use it in various projects on its behalf. The directors also decided Sudan will receive \$1,200,000 for the construction of three intermediate schools in regions where Eritrean refugees are located.

The board of executive directors also decided to give Algeria \$145,000. to finance a detailed feasibility study on creation of an earthquake warning system to minimize damage in catastrophes such as the tremor which devastated Al-Asnam region last year. The study also will be financed by the Arab Social and Economic Development Fund. It will be looked over by the Association of Arab Scientific Research Councils.

It further decided to give \$1,300,000 to the Muslims of Vietnam and Campuchia for the reconstruction of mosques and the establishment of class-rooms annexed to these mosques. The money also will serve to be education material including religious and cultural books.

The IDB will also finance a number of foreign trade operations between member states. Bangladesh will be given \$20 million to import crude oil from Saudi Arabia; the Comoro Islands will receive \$3 million to import refined oil from Kuwait; and Tunisia will obtain \$15 million to import lead from Morocco and Algeria. The board also evaluated the IDB's activities throughout the past five years.



CONCLUSION: The end of Traffic Week throughout the Kingdom has been marked by several officials. On Wednesday Makkah Governor Prince Majed will attend a function marking the end of the week in Jeddah. In Taif, the Traffic department on Monday honored all those who participated in the week. Taif Governor Saleh Al-Salem presented awards to traffic officials. The various governorates, public security branches, education directorates and offices of the Youth Welfare Organization, as well as universities, the National Guard and a number of ministries participated in Traffic Week.

British marine firm wins Yanbu contract

LONDON, April 28 (LPS) — Safe pilotage of supertankers and other vessels to the various berths and terminals within the limits of Yanbu's industrial port is one of the major requirements of a contract awarded by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Directorate General for Yanbu Project.

The contract for supertanker docking and pilotage services has been placed with Marine and Transportation Services (Saudi) Ltd (M.A.T.S.S.), a Saudi Arabian joint venture company formed by A.A. Turki Corporation and London-based Gray Mackenzie & Company Ltd, which has considerable experience in Saudi Arabia in the port-related field. Procedures for navigation, port control, pilotage, pollution control, planned maintenance, port tariffs and safety are to be developed and proposed by the company, and interim tugs and craft are to be supplied. The contract for stevedoring services at Yanbu's industrial support port is also carried out by M.A.T.S.S.

In other news, prospects for the Leeds Chamber of Commerce trade mission due to arrive in Jeddah on May 1 and continue to Riyadh on May 7, are regarded as very bright.

Small cars banned from pilgrim sites

MAKKAH, April 28 (SPA) — Small cars will again be banned in the pilgrim site this year, Public Security Chief Gen. Abdulrahman Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh said Monday. He was addressing the press at the end of a four-hour inspection tour of the holy places.

Gen. Al-Sheikh's tour included Ararat airport, Muzdalefa, the tunnels in Mena and those leading to Mahbas Al-Gin, and Ajyad. He said that all projects he witnessed were proceeding according to schedule and hopefully will be completed before the coming pilgrimage rush.

He said that the government will build "highly comfortable parking lots" for the pilgrims to leave their cars and ride in public transport buses. Interior Minister Prince Naif and his deputy Prince Ahmad are following up closely on the equipping of five parking areas off the Jeddah-Makkah expressway; Layth-Makkah road; Ararat-Makkah road; Sbaray-Makkah road; and Medina-Makkah-Taneem road to provide maximum comfort for the pilgrims, he added.

SIDF ok's projects

RIYADH, April 28 (SPA) — The board of administration of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund Monday evening approved eight projects worth a total SR48 million. It also adopted the fund's budget for fiscal year 1981/82. The meeting was held under Sheikh Hamad Al-Sayari, deputy governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority and vice chairman of the board.

by mission leader Chris Kirk. "The composition of the mission takes in a wide range of industries," says Kirk, joint managing director of sewage treatment specialists, Adams-Hydraulics Ltd. products include electronics, light and heavy engineering, industrial lubricants, cleaning cloths and chemicals, dyes/stuffs and lighting equipment. "The major reason behind our decision to visit the Kingdom is the launch of the Third Five Year Plan in Saudi Arabia," explain Kirk.

Fifteen companies will be represented, including ten from Yorkshire itself. Their

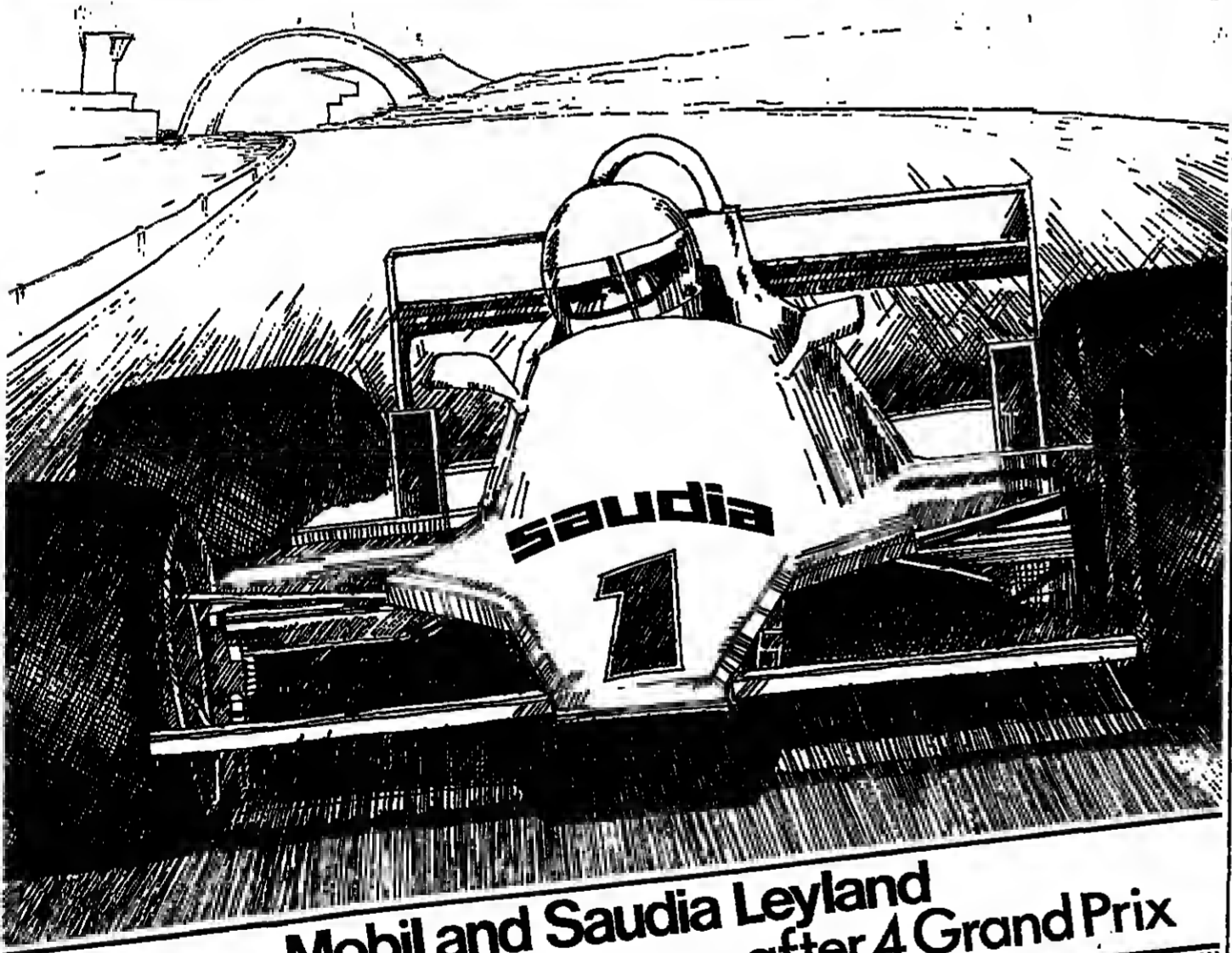
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To discuss Arabsat plans

Arab communication ministers meet

By a Staff Writer

AMMAN, April 28 — Arab communication ministers continued their meeting here Tuesday to finalize plans for the Arabsat satellite project, and study the bids submitted to build it.

Saudi Arabia's minister of posts, telephones and telegraphs, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, said the satellite will make inter-Arab communications much easier and will serve the declared aim of greater economic and social coordination in addition to standardizing and increasing the number of contacts.

Those taking part include Jordan, Kuwait, Syria, Tunisia, Qatar, the UAE, Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Mauritania, Iraq and Djibouti in addition to Saudi Arabia.

Arabsat will be used for telephone, telex, radio and television communications. It will be based in Riyadh where the government has donated a site for the headquarters. When in full swing it will handle up to 12,000 inter-Arab telephone and telex calls at once and should handle the Arab world's needs up to 1990. At a board meeting, held in Kuwait last February the bids were evaluated before submission to the ministerial council.

At a meeting of the board in Morocco last

April it was decided to call for new tenders partly because a consortium composed of British Aerospace, Matra and Tom of France was the only contender. Hughes Aircraft Corp. of the U.S.A. also submitted a tender but because of its position in the Arab boycott list of Israel its bid has to be reviewed thoroughly.

Dr. Khayyal had told Okaz that all the studies related to the first Arab satellite were completed and that the best bids preliminary to the launching of the satellite would be studied during the meeting.

BRIEFS

Saudi new service

JEDDAH, April 28 (SPA) — Beginning Friday Saudi will operate a new service between here and the Red Sea port city of Yanbu on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and between Riyadh and Yanbu on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Takeoffs from here will be at 7:40 a.m. for SR90 each way. Takeoffs from Riyadh will be at 2:50 p.m. at SR210 each way. Takeoffs from Yanbu to Jeddah will be 7:30 p.m. and to Riyadh at 4:40 p.m.

Sana to hold book fair

SANA, April 28 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia is taking part in an international book fair here. It will be opened Wednesday by Vice-president Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani. Eleven other international publishing houses are displaying their books.

Flour mill to begin operations

DAMMAM, April 28 (SPA) — The new flour mill built by the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization will start production next month with small packages to suit domestic and bakery requirements. It will have a capacity for 36,000 bags of five- and two-kilogram weight. The organization is buying local flour at "incentive prices" to encourage the farmers to plant more wheat.

Veteran journalist dies

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, April 28 — Ralph Johnson, 73, a veteran British journalist and editor of Arab News London Bureau from 1977-1979 died peacefully this week at his residence in Sholden, Kent, family sources said Tuesday. He is survived by a wife, Betty, and four children, Michael, Patricia, Eleanor and Tom. Burial services will take place Thursday.

Johnson was born in Gateshead, near Newcastle in 1908, and in 1928 graduated in Economics from Glasgow University.

He began journalism as a financial reporter for the London Daily Express in 1934 to 1936 during which he was transferred to the newspaper's Manchester office as commercial editor.

In 1938 he moved to Kingstoo to work as assistant editor of Jamaica Standard; two years later he joined the London Daily Mail as a splash sub-editor, and continued to work for another two years as editor of

the Daily Mail (trans-Atlantic edition). Johnson maintained his journalistic career throughout World War II to become in 1946 deputy chief sub-editor of the Sunday Pictorial (London), whose circulation touched the four and half million mark. Also in 1946 he met and married Miss Betty and lived together happily ever since.

In 1955 he worked as Northern editor of the Sunday Pictorial (Manchester) till his retirement in 1961.

At the age of 53 Ralph bought a farm, but four years later he returned to Fleet Street to work on the Daily Sketch and the Sunday Telegraph.

Ralph organized Arab News Editorial Bureau in Gough Square, off Fleet Street, and recruited, trained and dispatched about half a dozen young British journalists to Arab News in Jeddah during his last three years of journalism.

Arab News editorial staff extends heartfelt condolences to his wife, children and relatives.

Chatti optimistic on Islamic court

RIYADH, April 28 (SPA) — The secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Habib Chatti has expressed his optimism that legal Islamic experts during their current meetings in Kuwait would be able to reach positive results on a proposal to establish an international Islamic court of justice.

In an interview with Al-Riyadh newspaper, Chatti said the international Islamic court of justice will have an effective and positive role in solving any future disputes or differences among the brotherly Muslim nations around the world.

Commenting on the outcome of the Islamic goodwill on committee's role in ending the Iraq and Iran conflict, Chatti confessed the Islamic mission had faced some obstacles to achieve its goals. But he expressed his confidence that the two warring Muslim nations in the near future will fully understand the role of the Islamic mission and come closer for a peaceful solution of the dispute.

Horse races held

RIYADH, April 28 (SPA) — Feruseya Club held its 25th horse racing event of the season at Al-Malazz race track Monday afternoon with prizes totaling SR59,000.

COMMENT

By Mustafa Muhammad Katosah Al Bilad

Sitting in the company of some colleagues concerned with the progress and prosperity of the country and its people, I found myself engaged in a discussion on the summer season and some people's travel abroad for comfort and relaxation amid beautiful, natural surroundings and pleasant climate.

We thought of our country and talked for some time about its own beautiful areas. All of us agreed that our country is blessed with captivating natural surroundings, which are a source of pleasure and happiness for us as well as others living in the Kingdom. We felt that all such areas in the country are in great need for public efforts to develop them into first class tourist spots for the benefit of all.

What I wish to emphasize is that in addi-

tion to state efforts, the citizens are required to contribute their own efforts to develop tourist areas in the country. We should not leave everything for the state to do for us, especially since we see that everything — including planning, implementation and supervision — is carried out by the state itself.

It is time that we bring about a drastic change in our outlook and the wealthy among us undertake tourist projects with all their preparation and implementation, so that people can avail of these services and get a respite in their own country during the summer season. If tourist spots are developed in the southern, northern and northwestern parts of the country, I am sure people would be attracted toward them during the hot days of the summer. In such spots, they would find a good opportunity to avoid foreign travel and all its associated hardships.

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Between Qaddafi, Brezhnev

Moscow talks cover Lebanon

MOSCOW, April 28 (AFP) — Moscow is responding to an appeal by visiting Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi to play a more active role in safeguarding the "unity and independence of Lebanon", observers said here Tuesday.

The Lebanese crisis is thought to have featured prominently in the second round of talks Tuesday between Col. Qaddafi and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, linked with possible increased political and military

aid from Moscow for the hardline Steadfastness Front against Israel, which includes Libya. Monday night, the Libyan leader, who had arrived in Moscow earlier in the day, stressed at a Kremlin dinner the "urgent need to reply to the barbarous acts (of the Israelis) in Lebanon" and "torpedo the plans of imperialism."

Brezhnev's reply attacking United States imperialism, the Camp David agreement and the continued U.S. presence in the Gulf, together with the associated comment of Tass news agency, confirmed to observers that Moscow and Tripoli agree on the causes of the Lebanese crisis. Tass said negotiators on both sides "expressed their unanimous conviction that the tension which persists in the region has its origin in Israeli acts of aggression, the clearly expansionist policy of the United States and its attempts to establish a military and political alliance hostile to the Arabs."

The agency included Egypt with the United States and Israel, and stressed the

"special importance of cohesion among all patriotic progressive forces in the Arab world and the strengthening of their friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union." Observers said that the warm welcome given to Col. Qaddafi and the apparent similarity of their views, in spite of the "ideological differences" mentioned by Brezhnev, showed that the Kremlin is anxious to seize the occasion to make a come-back in strength in the Middle East.

Brezhnev has made no secret of the Soviet desire to smash the Camp David agreement and checkmate the supposed strengthening of U.S. military potential in the region. Faced with the "imperialist forces" which Qaddafi alleges are setting up bases in Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and Oman, the invitation to "reestablish the balance of power in the Middle East" would be difficult for Moscow to refuse.

Qaddafi ended talks Tuesday with Brezhnev, and the Soviet news agency said they had "defined concretely" aspects of further Soviet-Libyan cooperation. A Libyan official however, discouraged speculation that the two countries had agreed on a friendship and cooperation treaty of the type Moscow has with Syria, Iraq and several other countries.

Tass added that "a wide range of questions of Soviet-Libyan cooperation in various fields was discussed. The main trends of the further development and expansion of various cooperation (between the countries) were defined concretely." Tass provided no specifics on what kind of cooperation was discussed. The Soviet Union and Libya have extensive economic ties, and Moscow has provided Qaddafi's regime with large shipments of arms.

French atom scientists return to Iraq

PARIS, April 28 (R) — French nuclear physicists and technicians have returned to Iraq to resume work on an atomic research reactor after a six-month halt due to the Gulf War, French foreign ministry officials have said.

The officials said most of the Frenchmen involved in the project had returned to Iraq without their families and work was going on normally. All but a dozen volunteers were hurriedly repatriated to France after two Phantom jets with Iranian markings bombed the reactor site last Sept. 30, soon after the Iran-Iraq war began.

More than 2,000 French technicians engaged in other projects have returned to Iraq. Before the war, there were an estimated 4,000 French citizens in that country.

U.N. soldier killed, another is missing

TEL AVIV, April 28 (AP) — An Irish soldier in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Southern Lebanon was found shot dead Monday and a second Irish soldier is missing, U.N. sources said here Tuesday.

The two soldiers were assigned to a post in the northern sector of the Irish area of responsibility and were apparently attacked about 1800 GMT, the sources said. One rifle and two field radios were taken by unknown gunmen, according to the sources.

The United Nations force planned to start an intensive investigation of the incident.

Street battles break out

Revolutionary guards fire on Tehran crowd

TEHRAN, April 28 (R) — Street battles broke out on the fringes of a mass demonstration in Tehran Monday and hospital sources said at least one man was shot dead and four were wounded. Eyewitnesses said, revolutionary guards fired repeatedly over the heads of the crowd to quell running clashes between rival groups of stone-throwing youths supporting the semi-clandestine radical Mujahideen-e-Khalq organization and pro-government Islamic supporters.

Truckloads of riot police arrived as darkness fell over Tehran, four hours after the start of the rally which some estimates put at 100,000-strong. Eyewitnesses reported that

more than 100 arrests were made. The fighting flared after the extremists, known as Hezbollah (members of the party of God), scuffled with supporters of the Mujahideen who called the rally to mourn four women killed in factional clashes in the Caspian town of Qaem Shahr over the past week.

According to the hospital sources, a 30-year-old man was shot through the head and killed and at least four were being treated for shotgun wounds. As clashes continued in neighboring streets, the main body of the rally moved to hear speeches at the home of the late Ayatollah Muhammad Tazeghani, leader of the Mujahideen.

Egypt asks U.S. for Hawkeye

WASHINGTON, April 28 (R) — Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala said Monday he has asked U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to provide Cairo with an advanced surveillance plane known as the Hawkeye.

"We asked for this," Gen. Ghazala told reporters after an hour-long meeting with

Haig. "It is of great concern to us. We need it." The Hawkeye is a radar surveillance plane designed to detect low flying intruders. It is a less sophisticated aircraft than the AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) planes which the Reagan administration has proposed to sell to Saudi Arabia. The United States is Egypt's chief arms supplier.

Turkey calls off talks with Greece

ATHENS, April 28 (AP) — A scheduled meeting between high-ranking officials of Greece and Turkey has been called off by Ankara, a Greek government official said Tuesday.

The official said the Greek government was notified Monday by the Turkish foreign ministry that it concluded the meeting would produce "no practical benefit." The secretaries-general of the foreign ministries

of the two neighboring nations were to meet in Rome April 29-30, followed by a foreign ministers meeting a few days later.

Relations between the two NATO member countries have improved in recent months until last week when Turkey protested over a demonstration in Athens April 19 by Armenians marking the anniversary of what they call the "Armenian genocide." Athens rejected the protest as unjustified.

Voice of Palestine broadcasts in Hebrew

BEIRUT, April 28 (R) — The Voice of Palestine, the commando movement's radio station, has begun daily broadcast in Hebrew from Monday night, the Palestine News Agency Wafa reported.

It said the 45-minute program was aimed at Israel and would include news, commentary and other features.

India, Bahrain support Palestinians

NEW DELHI, April 28 (API) — The ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, and Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy have called for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Speaking at a state banquet in honor of the ruler Reddy demanded Israel's withdrawal from "occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, including Jerusalem, (and) the return of the Palestinian people to their homeland."

The ruler, who arrived earlier Monday on a

four-day visit, said in reply that "the situation in the Middle East poses a most dangerous threat to international peace and security."

He thanked India for its "firm support to the Palestinian people... in their heroic struggle to establish their inalienable rights."

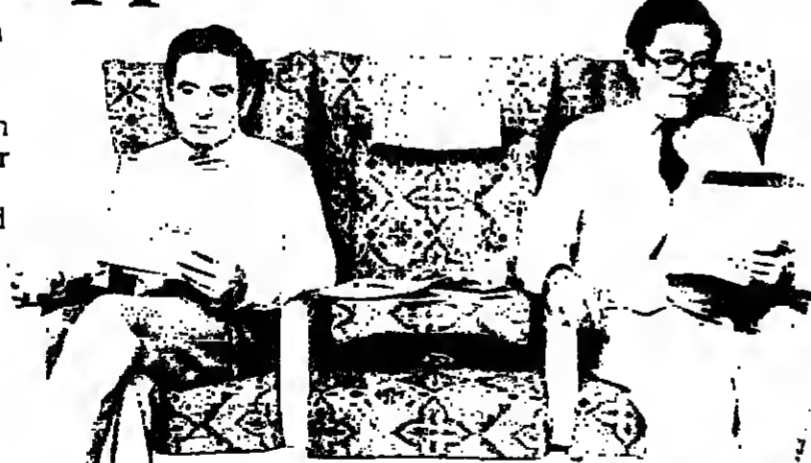
Voicing hope that the Iran-Iraq war "will cease soon and peace be restored in the region," the Indian president said: "Our region today is facing serious political challenges brought about by great power rivalry."

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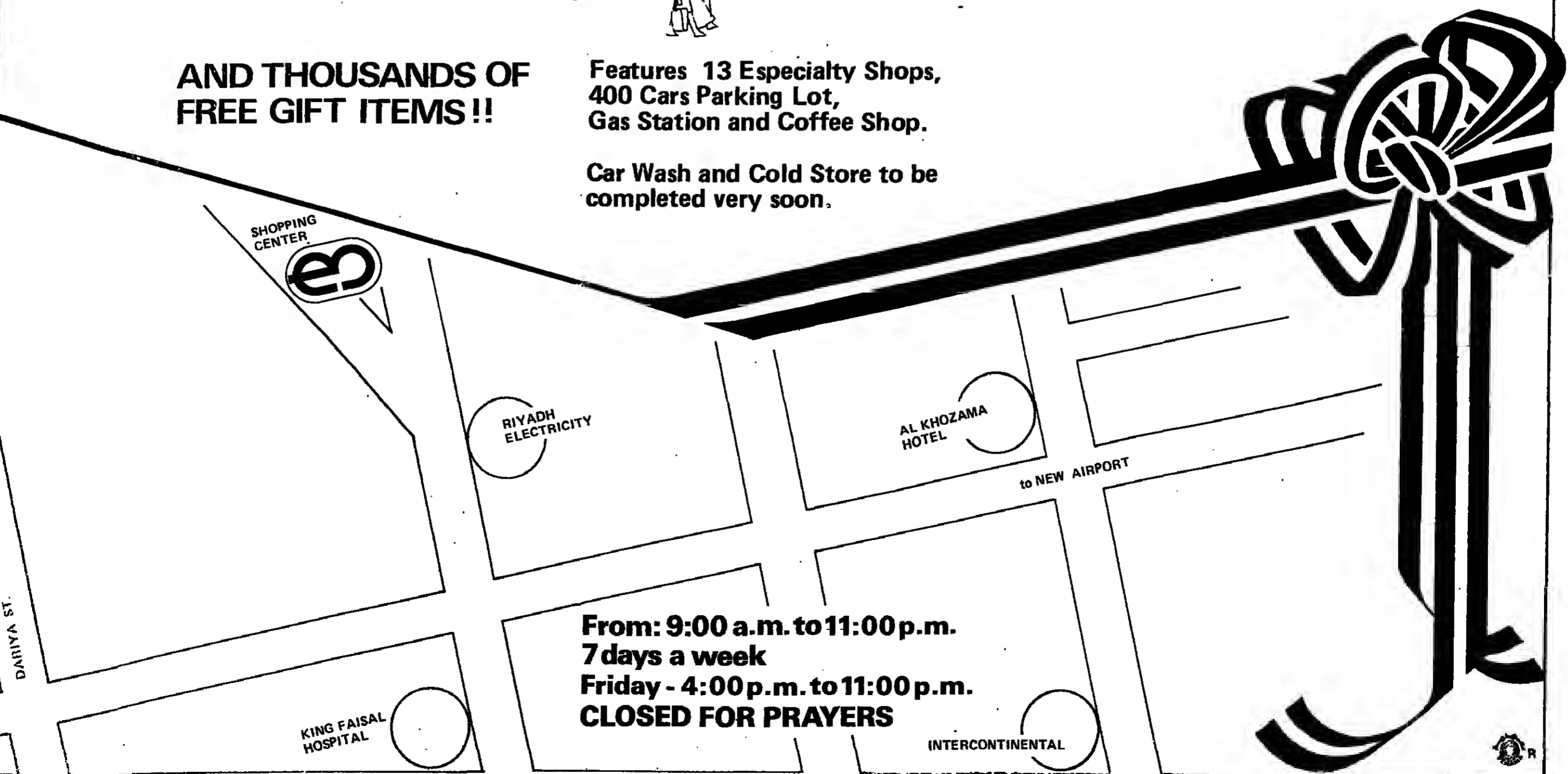
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The greenhouse threat

By Terence Bendixson

PARIS — A rise in the world's temperature due to burning of fossil fuels, soil erosion and other profound ecological changes is potentially as great a threat as Russian rockets to the security of Europe and the United States.

This view of the link between global environmental deterioration and threats to national security was presented to an audience of diplomats and environmental experts from the world's 23 richest countries in Paris recently during a brains trust designed to launch the Environment Committee of the OECD into its second decade.

High-ranking government servants were told that the long-term security of their countries did not depend solely on guns, tanks and planes. International conflict provoked by the internal collapse of countries in the course of ill-managed industrialization and major changes in the world's environment posed dangers of comparable or even greater importance.

The most striking illustration of the threat posed by environmental deterioration is the "greenhouse" effect expected by many scientists to raise the world temperatures by three degrees over the next 40 to 50 years.

This could turn the Kansas wheat belt into the United States into a dust bowl and Siberia into a garden of Eden, thereby dramatically changing the world economic and political order. Harlan Cleveland, director of the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs in the United States, explained in an interview after the meeting.

It follows, he said, that the management of global resources to avoid the depletion of equatorial forests, the pollution of the seas and soil erosion caused by the desperate husbandry of the world's poorest millions should be placed squarely on the agenda of the defense chiefs.

Cleveland, who was a contributor to the pessimistic Global 2000 report published by the U.S. government last year, was not, however, a harbinger of doom. The important question was not how the environment going to turn out but "how do we want it to come out and how are we going to make it come out that way."

All forecasts depended on the data used to arrive at them. Hitherto environmental futurists had confined their attention to biological resources and to non-renewables such as oil and uranium. They had failed to recognize information as a resource. Yet information was now regarded as the key motor of business. It was not scarce, it expanded with use and it could not be exchanged. It could only be shared, which was why it was so hard to put a price on it.

Forecasts that failed to include the effect of this expanding resource on the process of economic development and on the conservation of the biosphere were bound to come out gloomy, Cleveland said.

Further ground for optimism in the face of potential ecological disasters was that none of them was an expression of inherent natural shortcomings. They were evidence that mankind was not very smart in managing its technology. Whether the situation worsened depended on all governments accepting that conservation of the environment, quite as much as guns and tanks, was basic to national security.

LEBANESE DILEMMA

The picture in Lebanon is now as follows: Israeli planes incessantly attack Tyre and Sidon, especially Palestinian concentrations in and around them. Palestinian guns and rockets go up to meet them, while the Israeli settlements in Upper Galilee are also shelled in retaliation.

Israeli heavy artillery, and that of rightist militia leader Saad Haddad, keep a more or less constant barrage against the Lebanese South in general. And these are answered by the Palestinian and left wing Lebanese guns pounding the border strip where Haddad's forces operate.

Fighters of the Syrian Nationalist Party attack Phalangist positions in Mount Lebanon. The fray is joined by Syrian troops.

Phalangist guns pound Syrian military concentrations in Beirut and its environs. These concentrations pay back in the same coin, and extend their barrages to the heights surrounding Zahle and beyond. The Phalangists bombard Beirut International Airport from their positions in Beit Mirri. The Syrians retaliate by hitting Jounieh and Ajl-toun.

All this — and it is only a sample of what is really happening on the ground — can be gleaned from merely looking at the papers. As to what it means in military or political terms, one fears that neither Field Marshal Rommel nor Machiavelli could help.

Opposition to NATO missiles in Europe mounts

By Henry Gottlieb

BRUSSELS — The British government calls it "a vital part of the West's life insurance." A senior Italian cabinet member said Italy has to have it. But the voices in opposition to a North Atlantic Treaty Organization decision to put 572 new U.S. nuclear-tipped missiles on European soil are growing louder in the streets and in houses of parliament.

The opponents include a teenage protester who threw eggs at West German soldiers during anti-war demonstrations in April, Danish cabinet members and British Veterans of the Ban-the-Bomb Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. In some countries, polls show most people agree with them. "We will struggle against them," Italian Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer said of the missiles at a rally in Vittoria, Sicily.

The NATO Alliance decided in December 1979 to deploy Cruise and Pershing II weapons in five countries beginning in 1983 as a counterweight to Soviet deployment of SS-20 missiles capable of hitting any Western European capital. NATO estimates the Soviet Union now has 440 SS-20 warheads aimed at Europe and is building more. Most of the NATO missiles are scheduled for deployment in Britain, West Germany and Italy, and it is there that the debate has become highly charged in the past few months.

In a lobbying campaign, the British government printed glossy, graph-filled brochures calling the missiles "a vital part of the West's life insurance" in "an increasingly hazardous world." Many of the brochures were distributed in the towns of Greenham Common and Molesworth, the two sites for the 160 missiles being sent to Britain. Besides raising the menace of Soviet arms, the brochure said the missiles would be safe, clean and non-polluting and would bring in nearly 2,000 U.S. operators, create 150 new local jobs and pump \$6 million a

year into the economy.

Half the people in Britain are not convinced, according to a Marplan public opinion poll published April 22. It showed 50 per cent of Britons oppose the basing decision, compared to 43 per cent last September. The campaign for nuclear disarmament has revived and joined forces with the British-based European Nuclear Disarmament Movement which seeks a nuclear-free Europe from Poland to Portugal.

"We will not allow our island to be an aircraft carrier for NATO," said Meg Borsford, a participant in a recent British demonstration. "We will have to show the U.S. government, NATO and the Soviet Union that we are not dummies, we will not have a third world war fought in Europe."

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, one of the architects of the missile plan, faces strong opposition within the left wing of his own Social Democratic Party. Schmidt finds himself in the embarrassing position of relying on the opposition Christian Democratic Union for support. Schmidt is also looking to the United States for help. He wants U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig to push for missile reduction talks with the Soviet Union, to convince missile opponents that NATO is sticking to the letter of its original 1979 decision.

That called for deploying the missiles while seeking to negotiate with the Soviet Union to reduce the numbers of medium range nuclear weapons in Europe. The West Germans call this the "doppelbeschluss," or double decision — deploy and negotiate. When Weinberger recently said any negotiations depended on Soviet behavior in Poland, he was denounced in some West German and other European newspapers.

The Schmidt government is expected to prod Haig at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Rome May 4-5 to emphasize the negotiations track of the missile decision. "We must do a better job of

education," said a senior West German Foreign Ministry official.

In Italy, the government has decided not to make a formal announcement of where the missiles will be placed to avoid controversy. But it is open secret that one of the sites for the 102 Italian-based missiles will be Vittoria. Berlinguer, whose party represents 30 per cent of the Italian electorate, went there early in April to open a campaign to block deployment.

Berlinguer said of the missiles: "A missile base for us represents a step backward from the direction we should be going in: that is the direction of detente and progressive and balanced reduction of arms."

Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo said the missiles are necessary to match Soviet strength and has rejected Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's call for a moratorium on missile placement.

Pressure in Belgium and the Netherlands has already caused those governments to pull back from a full commitment to basing 48 Cruise missiles planned for each country. The Dutch government decided to make up its mind by December 1981. Church leaders representing 400 parishes are trying to make sure the decision is "no."

"Fundamentally, we don't believe in a world dominated by very mighty power blocks that create superpowers for themselves but that don't serve us," said Mient Jan Faber, director of the Inter-Church Peace Council. The group wants to see missiles rejected and then move on to a fight to rid Holland of six nuclear systems already deployed there.

Belgium said in 1979 it would hold off for six months on approval to have any missiles on its soil. After that deadline had passed it said it would decide to accept the arms, depending on the success rate of U.S.-Soviet talks to limit nuclear arms in Europe. No government official has defined what criteria would define "failure" of these talks. (AP)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The Kingdom's newspapers Tuesday led with the arrival of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt for a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia. Photographs of Schmidt's welcome at the Riyadh International Airport by Crown Prince Fahd and, later, a meeting with King Khalid were prominently published alongside the arrival story. They also reported that the first round of official talks, which began Monday night, dealt with Middle East and Palestinian issues. The King's banquet for the German leader was a prominent front-page story in the newspapers.

A majority of newspapers gave front-page coverage to a statement by Habib Chanti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), who said that an experts committee on the establishment of an Islamic court of justice in Kuwait has agreed on a majority of clauses connected with the proposed court.

Newspapers reported calm in Beirut, saying that Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam was arriving in the Lebanese capital Tuesday in a fresh bid to achieve conciliation among the parties concerned. They also gave page one coverage to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's arrival in Moscow for a three-day official visit to the Soviet Union.

Chancellor Schmidt's visit to the Kingdom provided the main topic of discussion in newspaper editorials Tuesday. *Al Medina* observed that the outcome of bilateral talks would be fruitful for both sides, in view of the fact that they maintain excellent

relations at political and economic levels. The paper said that the visit of the German leader takes place at a time when the world is confronted with a host of problems, including the North-South dialogue, the Middle East issue, the Palestinian refugees, the security of the Gulf, and the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. As both countries maintain firm and clear stances on these issues, the outcome of the official talks would be of great significance to both parties, it added.

Al Riyadh noted that Germany is aware of the eminent position of Saudi Arabia and its firm position on energy and the world economy as well as its enduring efforts to develop relations with West Europe. Regarding the Kingdom's position on the Palestine problem, the paper was confident that Chancellor Schmidt would hear the same views as were explained to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during her recent visit to Saudi Arabia. The paper held out the view that the Germans would be sympathetic to the woes of the Palestinian people since they themselves have suffered because of the division of Germany.

Because the German leader has already described the Kingdom as an outstanding element of stability in the region, the paper hoped that his understanding of Saudi Arabian views would be more positive now.

On the same subject, *Al Nadwa* referred to an earlier statement by Schmidt in which he had reaffirmed that Saudi Arabia was the biggest economic

and political partner of Germany outside the Atlantic Pact nations. The paper said that, since bilateral cooperation has reached an advanced stage, the Chancellor's visit would only enhance cooperation in many fields between the two countries. The paper hoped that the two sides would conclude talks with effective positions on problems of mutual concern, in accordance with the principles of right, justice, and peace to which both parties subscribe.

In an editorial, *Okaz* observed that the German leader's current visit to Saudi Arabia would tend to boost cooperation in the field of development, and would further clarify the real dimensions and risks of political and economic stability in the world. The paper also hoped that the visit would help Germany to understand clearly that the key to peace and stability in the Middle East is Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands, giving the Palestinians the right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state of their own on Palestinian soil.

In an editorial, *Al Bilad* hoped that Chancellor Schmidt's visit would provide an important means through which the crucial Arab issues can break all barriers and influence Europe. It said that, while Bonn is taking steps to reinforce bilateral ties, it also expresses its appreciation of Saudi Arabia's stances on crucial issues. The talks are being held in an atmosphere of mutual hope and confidence which would serve the common interests of the peoples of the Arab world and Europe, the paper added.



Diarrheal diseases kill 5m children

By Thomas Land

CAIRO — Diarrheal diseases are so common in the developing world that many mothers mistake them for part of the normal process of growing up. As a result, five million children die every year — even though the medical remedy is widely available at a price well below that of a postage stamp.

Egypt's public health planners have now launched a campaign intended to place simple life-saving techniques within the reach of every family. The public program is being watched by about 70 countries in Africa and Asia which are about to start similar schemes. In Egypt, the project is backed by a free national health service, as well as investment in safe drinking water.

Widespread poverty, poor sanitation, overcrowding and low food standard are common to all areas plagued by diarrheal diseases. Cairo, for example, is the biggest city in Africa, housing 10 million people dependent on sewage disposal facilities built for a population less than that size. Diarrheal diseases account for 43 per cent of all deaths in Egypt among under-fives, or about 100,000 deaths every year.

One of the most important components of the program is teaching mothers how to save the lives of their children by applying what doctors call oral rehydration therapy. Put simply, that means the replacement of lost body fluids and salts.

Egypt needs an estimated five million packs of salts and glucose a year to save the children, and each pack costs less than 10 cents. Packs of the mixture are now being produced industrially by a state-owned concern and distributed throughout the country under the trade name Rehydran. They are also being produced in many regions by local doctors and the pharmacies of primary health-care units.

But it takes a great deal more than the production and distribution of the mixture to save the lives of the children. Diarrhea and malnutrition are closely linked: disease attacks the malnourished child and leaves him further malnourished — an easy prey to subsequent attacks. Nutrition education is an important part of the campaign.

Mothers are being taught these aspects of health care at local clinics and the public education program is being supported by the mass communication media. The training of health workers is also being improved. Pediatricians in district hospitals teach them how to recognize the signs of acute dehydration, how to treat the patients and how to demonstrate to mothers the preparation of the necessary fluids.

Beyond that is the need for clean water. Cairo alone plans to triple its safe drinking water supplies within a year; and a heated public debate is now taking place over proposals for rebuilding the city's aged sewage disposal system. In the country, mobile health visitors are being trained to put the case for community participation in help projects to improve the safety of drinking water. — (ONS)

Arab universities urged to produce skilled manpower

Beirut Bureau

MANAMA — The need for Arab universities to concentrate on science-oriented professional subjects to produce skilled manpower to meet the demand of the Arab world was emphasized by J.Y. Qutub, president of the New York-based organization called *Student Aid International*.

This non-governmental and non-profit organization, founded by U.N.-based Arab diplomats and administered by a board of trustees which include top Arab personalities, helps Arab students studying in the United States and Canada. Qutub is now on a tour of Gulf states to explain the services rendered by the organization in helping the needy bright students in furthering their studies, particularly in the post-graduate courses, in the United States and Canada.

In an interview with *Arab News* Qutub said almost all Arab countries, particularly the wealthy states, have undertaken massive projects for the general development. But what is lacking in almost every Arab country is the required skilled people to carry out these activities. Thus, the pressing need of the hour is to help train people in almost all fields so that they could take over the task of effectively managing and administering projects in their own countries.

But even today, he said, universities in the Arab world have not geared to meet this demand. Thus this voluntary organization was formed in New York to help those enterprising Arab students flowing into the West for higher education.

Quoting a recent UNESCO survey Qutub said, only 15 per cent of the subjects taught in Arab universities are science-oriented while



ORGANIZATION: J.Y. Qutub, president of the New York-based organization called *Student Aid International*.

85 per cent is devoted to arts subjects. This situation should change in the general interest of the Arab world which is now seeking to emphasize more and more on self-reliance. This is the only way, he said, the Arab countries could ensure the success in their present nation building tasks.

Therefore bright students have started to look for universities and other academic cen-

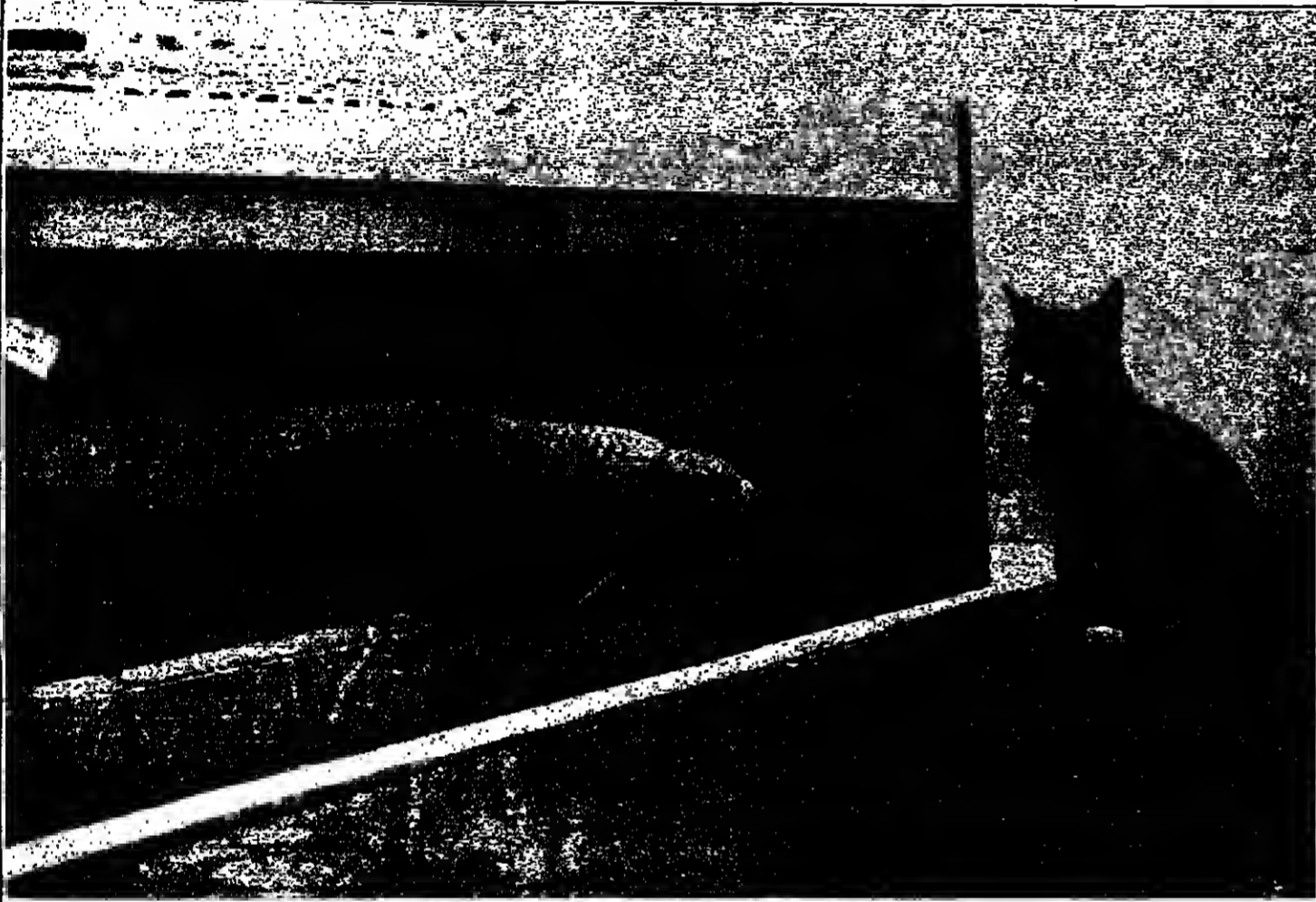
ters in the West to get the required training. Qutub is of the opinion that there are more than 300,000 Arab students studying a wide range of courses like engineering, medicine, natural science, business administration, banking, maritime industry, broadcasting and information, architecture and other subjects in Western universities.

He hailed the wealthy Arab countries for the initiative taken in generously meeting the financial requirements of the students going abroad for studies. But many bright student in poor Arab countries are not in a position to go for higher education due to financial difficulties. The organization helps such students on a guarantee that they return to their countries on completing the courses. They should also undertake to repay the money spent on them so that these facilities could be extended to other needy students.

"We have undertaken a very ambitious program to help produce technically and scientifically qualified manpower for overall development of the Arab world" said Qutub who is proud that 526 students, sponsored by the organization, are now in the West.

"Our goal," he said, "is to provide at least 100 scholarships for post-graduate courses." But its success depends entirely on the liberal contributions made by the Arab philanthropists and organizations, said Qutub. He said "the Republic of China has, in recognition of its services, donated \$1 million."

In addition to granting scholarships, the organization also sponsors and supervises students, on instructions from their guardians.



Fish cough in polluted water

By Cameron Burke

Fish cough when their gills get clogged with dirt. Scientists discovered this when they put fish in a tank of polluted water equipped with a sensitive listening device. American biologist Robert Drummond says: "The aim of our experiments is to use fish to keep check on industrial waste in lakes and rivers. A sudden increase in coughing from fish would warn factories about effluent output."

INSULT TO RATS: If you call a cheating, snarling wife-beater a rat, it's an insult — to the rat, according to two scientists. Rats, they say, are gentle creatures, which cherish their females and offspring.

Richard Love of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, America, and a colleague of the Johnstone Training and Research Center at Bordenstown, studied rats on a refuse tip — and exploded several "dirty rat" myths. Father rats did not eat the young. Baby rats who lived with both parents reached adulthood more quickly than those brought up by mother on her own.

SYNTHETIC CAVIAR: Russian housewives are eagerly buying caviar that has never been near a fish. It's manufactured in a test tube and costs one third of the real thing. Genuine caviar — the roe of the sturgeon — has been a rarity in Russia for a decade. Pollution in the Caspian Sea drastically reduced the numbers of sturgeon there and the caviar was collected and sold for high prices in the West.

Then came the breakthrough. Soviet scientists at the Institute for Elemental Organic Compounds in Moscow announced that they have produced synthetic caviar. This caviar, is a mixture of fish oils and fats, milk albumin, malt and water. It is passed through various baths until it forms caviar-like droplets.

Connoisseurs claim that the boffins haven't quite got the texture right yet. The tiny balls which make up real sturgeon roe should pop as you chew them, while the artificial compound has a consistency more like fish paste.

MICKEY MOUSE PHONE: An

American company is selling a telephone shaped like Mickey Mouse, complete with red shorts, yellow shoes and white gloves. Mickey's right hand acts as a cradle for the handset and the dial is mounted between his feet. The company, in Michigan, said: "Life is very dull these days. We want to make people happy and give them a little fun."

NOSE FOR SMELL: There's no accounting for smell. Get a whiff of a bad egg and you'll probably shudder, but in North Ormeau, they love it. It has been discovered that a pleasant smell to one race is often nasty to others. The Chinese, for instance, hate the smell of butter. The natives of Guiana are disgusted by the scent of poultry.

Now people with a nose for finding out odd things have discovered that we have a stronger sense of smell in the left nostril than in the right. Also, people work better surrounded by pleasant smells. So, if your boss says you're slacking, blame his after-shave.

Prisoners operate secret mail service

By Bob Rodwell

BELFAST, (ONS) — Republican H-block prisoners in the Maze jail near Belfast operate a clandestine mail service at the British taxpayers' expense. Letters to relatives, friends and IRA propagandists are smuggled out on sheets of government-issued toilet paper smaller than 6. by 4 1/2 in.

One such letter, from an "on the blanket" prisoner five years into a 15-year sentence for possessing a bomb, was sent to me recently. It contains no fewer than 54 lines — about 700 words — laboriously printed in microscopic writing on a single sheet. Folded and refolded and wrapped in scraps of cling film, the letters are reduced to the size of an aspirin. Five or six and, on occasion, up to a dozen can be smuggled out of the Maze inside a visitor's mouth, according to the prisoner's mother, who forwarded the letter to me.

The cling film is on the return leg of a two-way journey, she said. "It reaches the prisoners wrapped around tobacco". About one-and-a-half ounces of tobacco at a time, together with cigarette papers, flints and halpoin refills, are taken into the prison by women visitors.

The so-called blanketmen are officially entitled to send and receive one letter a

month. It is a privilege they reject because to write a letter they must ask a warden for paper and pen, calling him 'Sir', which they refuse to do. In the case of inward letters they claim that these have been deliberately delayed by wardens for up to 10 months.

Cryptically called "comms" by Republican sympathizers, the smuggled communications are passed over at two visits a month to which each blanket protester is entitled with up to three people at a time. Although 42 wardens are on duty in the visiting hall, keeping surveillance over 18 open cubicles containing prisoners and their visitors, relatives claim they can be distracted long enough for the "comms" to be passed. This is usually done under the guise of welcoming embrace or in passing over a cigarette.

If a visitor suspects that wardens have seen a letter being passed and fear a detailed search on leaving the prison, he or she simply swallows it and recovers it later. Prisoners who are caught passing letters are sentenced to two or more "closed" visitor behind glass screens with no possibility of contact — in which case their communications are smuggled in and out by other prisoners. Visitors who are caught are usually banned from any further visits.

The same methods are employed to smug-

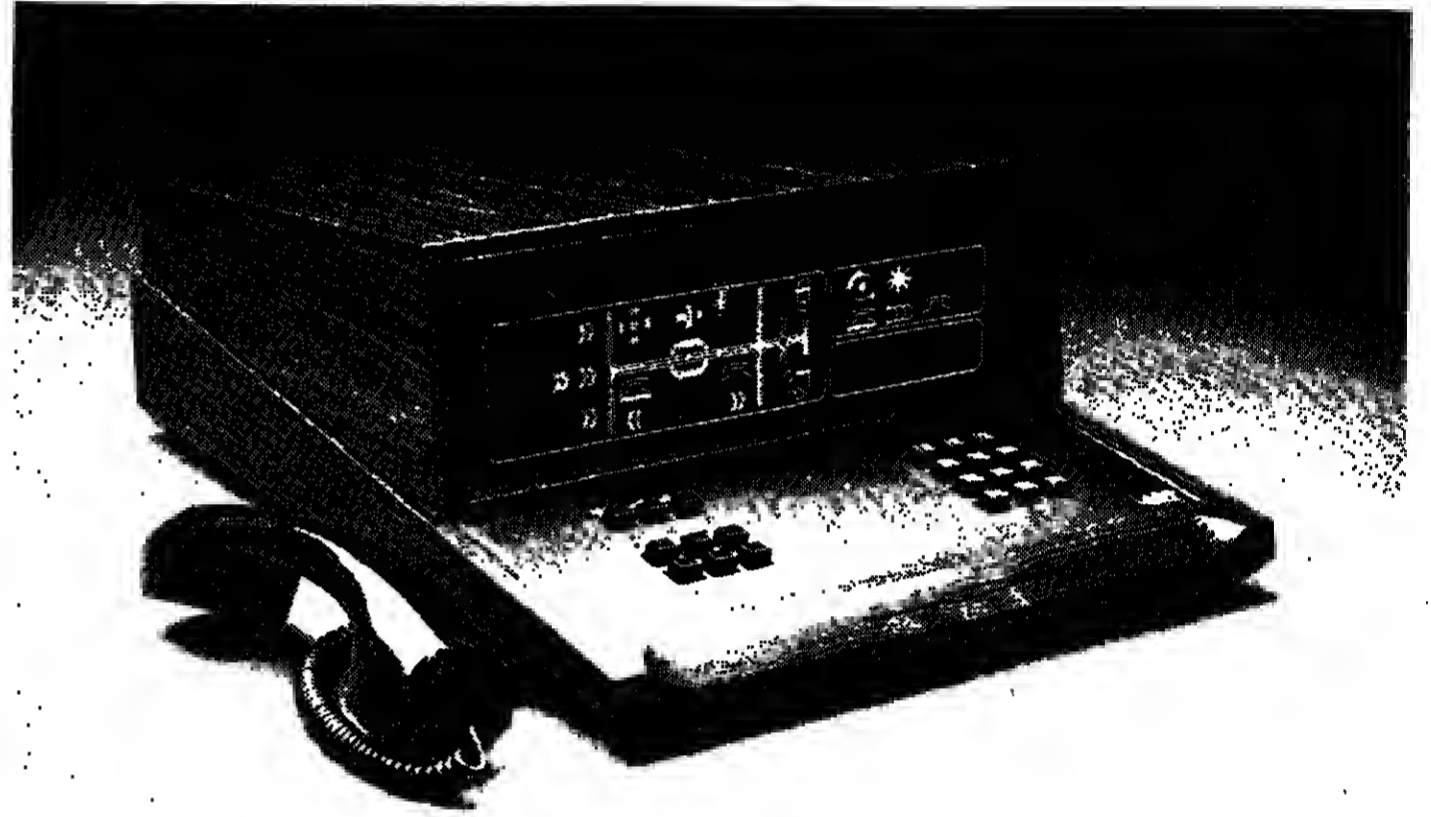
gle from the blanketmen the press statements issued on their behalf by the Dublin-based National H-Blocks/Armagh Committee and the Republican Press Center in Belfast. Sinn Fein spokesman Richard McAuley said that it takes from two to four days for a simple exchange of letters between the committee and the prisoners, but complex correspondence takes much longer.

This is the case when the blanketmen are having to reach a collective decision on a certain policy such as starting hunger strikes again, McAuley said. "There is no communication between the separate H-blocks or even between the separate wings of an individual block other than by shouting and hammering."

"Some of the blanketmen have developed very loud voices but the process of reaching a consensus is necessarily slow. And to maintain some secrecy they resort to Gaelic — but a very odd form which we call Long Kesh Gaelic, containing much jargon of their own."

The prisoner's mother, a cheerful woman in her mid-50s, laughed when I suggested she seemed an unlikely smuggler. "The nerve comes on me when I go to that place" she says. "It's all you can do when their morale remain so high. In a hundred years they'll never break them!"

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Another youth slain in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 28 (Agencies) — The 26th body of a young black murder victim in 21 months was found here Monday in the Chattahoochee River by three boys while fishing. The victim was identified as Jimmy Paine, 21, a small youth who disappeared five days before. A coroner's physician said he seemed to have been killed in the same way as a number of black adolescents and children recently.

It was the sixth body in 28 days found in or near the Chattahoochee or the South River. Police still have not found Darron Glass, 10, a boy who disappeared last Sept. 14.

Four of the 25 victims in the string of slayings that began in July 1979 have been found in the Chattahoochee River. Three of them were discovered in the river in the past month in Fulton county, south of where Monday's discovery was made. Two other victims in the series of killing have been found in the South River in DeKalb county, to the east of Atlanta, and one victim was discovered on the banks of the South River.



26TH-VICTIM: The body of a black male found in the Chattahoochee River Monday is unloaded for examination at the Atlanta medical examiner's office. It is believed to be the 26th victim of the killers preying on the city's young blacks.

Inadequate manpower hits U.S. nuclear agency plans

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — Inadequate manpower at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hindering preparation of plans to cope with nuclear plant accidents, the chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Joseph Hendrie, has said. He told a Senate Public Works Subcommittee Monday that FEMA is "practically drowning in the workload" of reviewing plans for dealing with accidents like the one that occurred at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania in 1979.

Then President Jimmy Carter assigned the agency the job of coordinating the response to nuclear plant accidents after Three Mile Island. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, before licensing any new nuclear plants, must be convinced that state and local officials have made adequate preparation for any emergency.

Space shuttle airborne

EDWARDS AIR BASE, California, April 28 (R) — The U.S. space shuttle Columbia was airborne again Monday, this time on top of a Boeing 747 on its way home to Florida. A postcard written by a member of a work crew said: "Return to sender. Let's do it again."

Columbia had been expected to return to Cape Canaveral about a week after it made a perfect landing here on April 14 after 36 orbits of the earth with astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen. Problems in clearing its engines of toxic fuels and in fitting a cone to cover the engines delayed the departure. The shuttle is expected to make its next space flight, with astronauts Joseph England and Richard Truly, in the autumn, space officials said.

Hendrie said that "the joint NRC-FEMA review process has been functioning in a generally acceptable cooperative effort for more than a year. However, there has been increasing concern about FEMA's ability to fully support this program." Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, the subcommittee chairman, said he hoped not to be told "the same old litany ... if we just had enough people we could get the job done."

The acting director of FEMA, John W. McConnell, said that without cooperation from state and local officials there will be delays in preparing for nuclear plant accidents no matter how many people are on his staff.

LONDON, (AP) — Prince Charles has invited royal opera singer Kiri Te Kanawa to sing an aria at his wedding to Lady Diana Spencer July 29, Buckingham Palace announced Monday.

MILLARTON, North Dakota (AFP) — The two-man aeronautical team of Kocky Aoki of Japan and Benn Abruzzo of the United States have won the "Gordon Bennett" international ballooning race. About ten balloons from five countries lifted off from Fountain Valley, California, Saturday and the winning team arrived here Monday evening after covering about 1,350 miles.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua will come to New Delhi the last week of June on a five-day official trip "tentatively" scheduled from June 26, the Indian government announced Monday.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Monday he will discuss Japan's defense buildup program "at a higher dimen-

Africans preparing sanctions plan

UNITED NATIONS, April 28 (R) — African members of the Security Council have promised to submit Tuesday or Wednesday their long-awaited formal resolutions calling for full-scale economic sanctions against South Africa, even as the United States, Britain and France, all of which are considered certain to veto the proposals if they are pressed to a vote, renewed their efforts to head off a showdown.

The council has been meeting since last Tuesday on the question of independence for Namibia (Southwest Africa), which is ruled — the Africans say "occupied" — by South Africa. Olara Otunnu of Uganda, chairman of the African group, told reporters Monday the sponsors would insist that their proposals be put to a vote. Vetoes would be followed by an emergency session of the General Assembly, he said.

The assembly cannot impose sanctions, but Third World and Communist states would have another forum in which to denounce Western policy on the territory. Monday's announcement that South African Foreign Minister Roelof (Pik) Botha will visit Washington on May 14 reinforced African suspicions about Western intentions.

Akporode Clark of Nigeria, chairman of the assembly's special committee against apartheid, said Monday night the invitation to Botha was "most disgraceful". It was "a bit too much," coming so soon after a number of African foreign ministers denounced Washington's Namibia policy in the Security Council, he told reporters. The African group would condemn the visit, he said.

Otunnu and Clark evidently expressed the views of African hard-liners. But Western diplomats said some states were not eager for a showdown with the West, despite their frustration over South Africa's failure to implement the U.N.-approved independence

Western veto likely

plan for Namibia. Foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France, Canada, and West Germany are to meet Rome next week to review possibilities for progress. In two days of London meetings last week, their representatives said the complex program ought to be strengthened to protect minority rights. African delegates rejected any rewriting of the 1978 council resolution that endorsed the plan. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had talks Monday with U.S. Vice President George Bush on Namibia and a U.N. spokesman said part of the discussion focused on ways of overcoming what he called the "difficulties in the Security Council."



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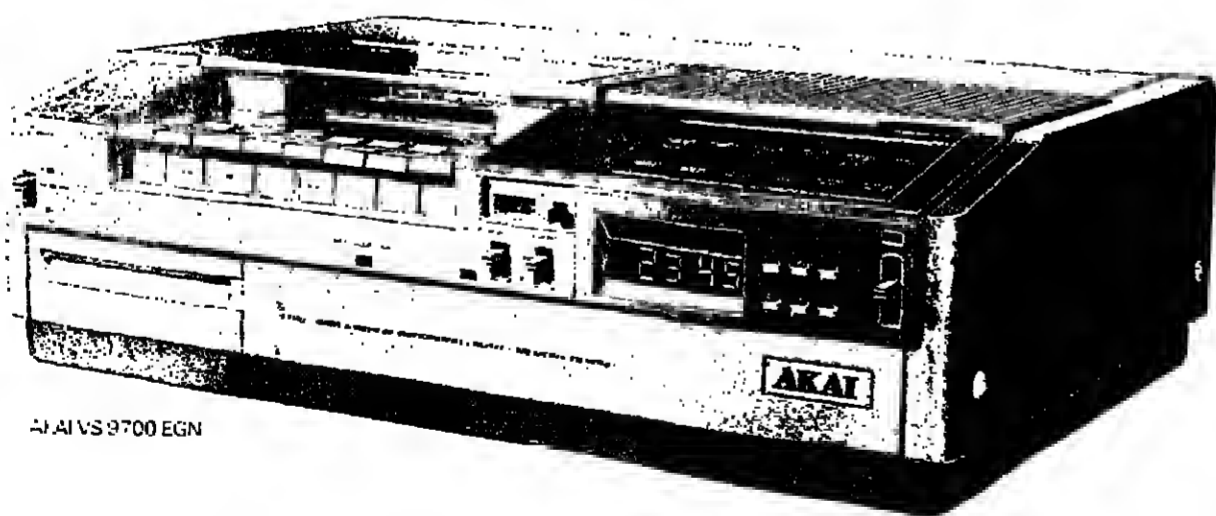
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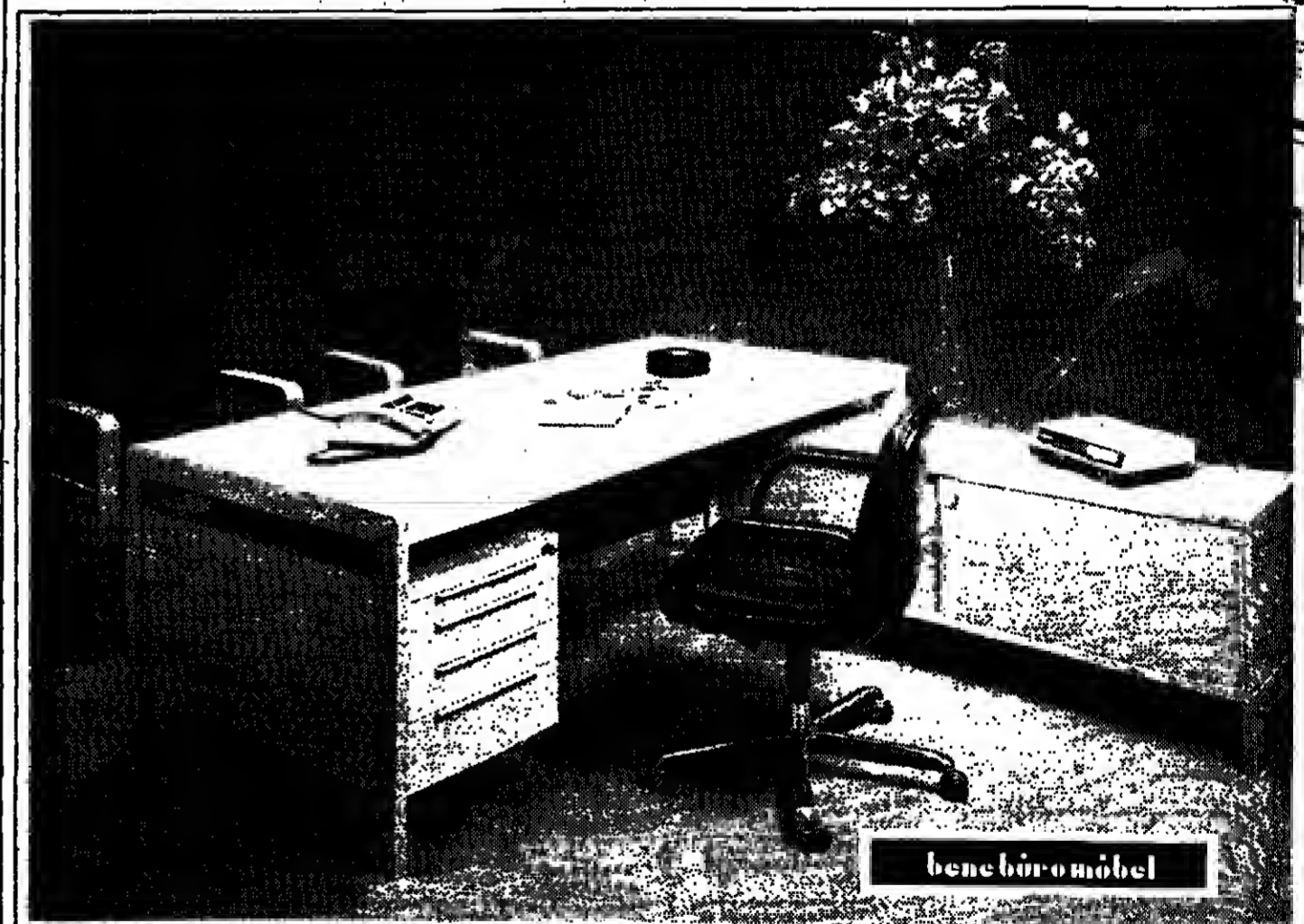
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NATO chief awaits Spain's membership

BRUSSELS, April 28 (AP) — Secretary-General Joseph Luns of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has said he expects Spain to formally apply for membership in the 15-nation Western defense alliance "within several months." He also stated that "it is out of the question" that Egypt can join NATO in the near future.

The latter comment Monday, made at a closed-door meeting of parliamentarians of seven west European nations, was in response to a report published in Cairo during the weekend quoting Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as saying he personally favors Egypt's membership in NATO.

Luns told reporters he hoped the current alliance members will not set any preconditions for Spain's membership in NATO such as a requirement that Madrid's application be based "on a large consensus" within the country on Spanish participation. He stressed no preconditions were set for membership in NATO of Greece, Turkey and West Germany when these countries applied to join the alliance.

In Bonn on Monday, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said his government would see Spain's entry into

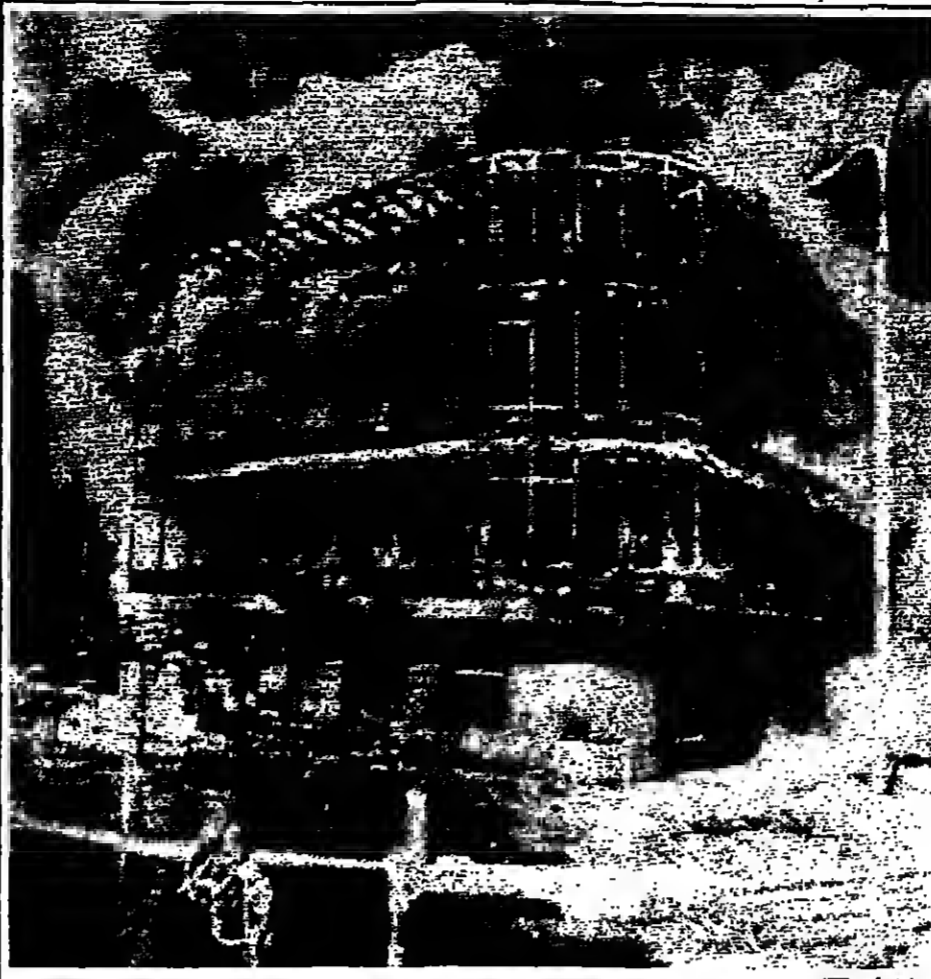
NATO as a logical step in the country's integration into the Western democracies.

Spain, Genscher told the Spanish news agency EFE, would be a "welcome member of the European community and NATO."

Luns raised the issue of Spanish and Egyptian memberships in NATO at the political committee of the West European Union (WEU), a Paris-based group of European parliamentarians that concerns itself with defense issues.

Sources who attended the meeting said Luns stated: "Spain is currently the only country that has a chance of becoming a NATO member." The WEU nations are the three Benelux countries, West Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy. Luns briefed the WEU's political committee on topics ranging from Poland to Afghanistan to the deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles by NATO in western Europe.

Luns said after the meeting he told the committee he has informed the U.S. administration on his recent trip to Washington "that all European NATO members want" negotiations between Washington and Moscow to limit nuclear arms in all of Europe.



FIGHTING FIRE: Fire brigades fight fire which broke out early morning Monday in Kaskada, the biggest restaurant in the Polish port city of Szczecin. Thirteen persons died in the fire.

David Steel sees need for Liberal-SPD link

HONG KONG, April 28 (AP) — David Steel leader of the British Liberal Party, Tuesday described an alliance between his party and the newly formed Social Democratic Party (SDP) as "a first major step" toward breaking up Britain's two-party system.

Steel said there is room now in his country for a major third political party because of divergent political and economic policies between the Conservative and Labor parties. Steel, who arrived from Peking last week, told a foreign correspondents' club luncheon prior to his departure for Kuala Lumpur that the fast-declining economic situation in Britain has made the alliance "attractive to the British people."

He said that with the Conservative Party moving away from its pragmatic policy and the Labor Party drifting increasingly toward left-wing programs, the British economy is going downhill rapidly.

He said the ruling Conservative Party is on a "trip driven by Milton Friedman and others" whose theories have never worked anywhere in the world. He cited the British steel industry as an example of Britain's declining economy.

Steel said the Liberals and Social Democrats have agreed on the continued commitment to the European Economic Community and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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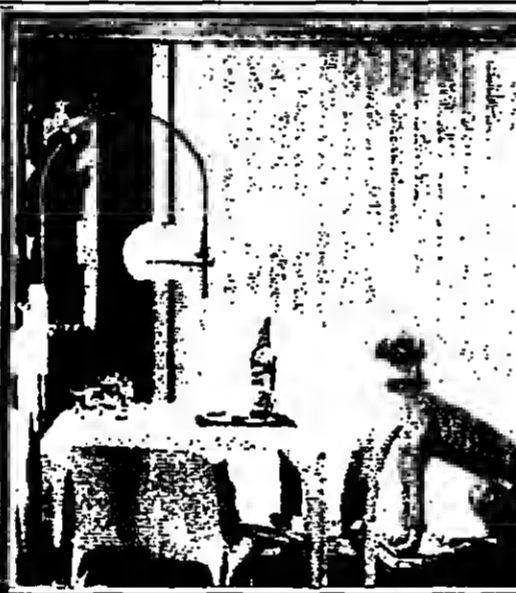
Charges against Agnew unlikely

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland, April 28 (AP) — State officials say they're not likely to file criminal charges against former U.S. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, who has been ordered by the judge in a civil case to repay \$147,500 in kickbacks he allegedly received while governor, plus interest.

Agnew, who served as Maryland governor from 1967-68, did not appear in court and was not available for comment after Monday's decision. His lawyer, Thomas R. Harrison, had said Agnew would not testify in the

trial because his comments could be used against him if the state decided to press criminal charges.

However, the attorney general said it was highly unlikely such charges would be filed. "This was the civil windup of the criminal prosecution. The criminal crack was taken by the Feds," the attorney general said, referring to the federal investigation that led to Agnew's no-contest plea to a tax evasion charge and his resignation in October 1973 as Richard Nixon's vice president.



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Reagan to seek \$100m grant for Pakistan

WASHINGTON, April 28 (R) — The Reagan administration has told Congress it will seek \$100 million in economic aid for Pakistan next year, the first instalment in what is expected to be a multi-billion dollar program.

Disclosing the plan to a congressional subcommittee, the State Department urged action on its call for a change in a law banning

aid to countries that do not renounce nuclear weapons. The law as it stands would block aid to Pakistan.

The request was made as Senator Alan Cranston, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said U.S. officials had evidence that both India and Pakistan were preparing test sites for nuclear explosions. He said a Pakistani nuclear test could be staged this year, but more probably next year.

The administration is considering a five-year, largely military aid program for Pakistan, following Soviet intervention in neighboring Afghanistan.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and Secretary of State Alexander Haig discussed the aid plan in Washington last week. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jane Coon told a House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee Monday that the \$100 million aid proposal followed the talks with Shahi. She said the aid could be used for commodity imports and the United States would provide military training for Pakistani troops.

The request to change the law "in no way reflects a diminution of concern by this administration over the threat of proliferation of nuclear weapons," she said. Members of the foreign affairs committee postponed action on the nuclear issue pending the administration's proposals on aid for Pakistan.

Under existing law, aid could be provided only after the president had told Congress he had received reliable assurances that the recipient country would not acquire or develop nuclear weapons. The administration wants the president to be able to waive this provision in the national interest.

Strike halts transport in Italy

ROME, April 28 (AP) — Italian public transportation workers demanding pay increases launched a new round of strikes Tuesday, stopping streetcars, buses and subways for four hours in major Italian cities.

A continuing wildcat unrest by autonomous unions severely hampered ferry-boat service of state-run companies between the mainland and islands. Air traffic, upset by a wave of walkouts since March, was reported normal Tuesday, after Monday's strike of stewards and hostesses of the national airline company Alitalia forced the cancellation of some domestic and continental flights.

The fresh wave of unrest included an unprecedented two-day job strike by high-ranking state employees at government ministries to protest government plans to reduce the number of government employees as part of an austerity measure. At the Foreign Ministry, top officials including ambassadors and ministers based in Rome, decided to support the strike by working 16 hours, or double their regular hours, until 2 a.m. "to show that we are performing important and essential services for our country."

Venezuela reduces residual oil price

CARACAS, April 28 (AP) — Venezuela has reduced the price of the residual oil it exports by as much as \$3.50 per barrel, the Energy Ministry confirmed Monday.

A spokesman for the ministry said the price cut, which went into effect April 10, was "normal at this time of the year."

Residual oil, used mainly for heating, is derived from crude petroleum after gasoline and other derivatives are extracted. Venezuela imports about 470,000 barrels of fuel oil daily, 70 per cent of it to the United States.

Riyal, dollar rule firm

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 28 — Compared to the lethargic dealings Monday, the European markets were extremely lively Tuesday and the dollar maintained its strength against the European currencies. The New York money markets had signalled no changes in Federal Reserve Bank policies and in fact "Fed funds" rate traded at level of 16 1/2 per cent compared to Friday's 16 per cent level. This slight increase in "Fed" interest rate was a signal to European markets that official United States interest rates would not be cut for the time being and as such the dollar was in some demand.

Locally, riyal deposit rates stopped their previous two-day slide and remained firm. Some lively dealing was reported on the spot riyal/dollar exchanges Gold and silver remained unchanged from previous levels.

Tuesday saw dollar deposit rates firm slightly, especially in the short dates. This trend had been set in motion in New York the night before and one-month deposit rates reached levels of 16 1/16 — 17 1/16 per cent and the three-month rate touching the 17 per cent offer rate. Reinforced by this, the European exchanges took the dollar's value up against the major European

currencies. Against the mark the dollar touched 2.1865 levels by mid-afternoon after closing at 2.1857 levels in New York. The slight fall was attributed to some fairly sizeable intervention in support of the mark by the German central bank. Sterling fell back by one cent to 2.1560 levels and the French francs also declined to 5.1725 when it had been at 5.1500 levels the day before. The yen fell back also against the dollar to 212.50 after it had reached 211.00 the day before.

In the local market, riyal rates stabilized with the dollar's performance. One month JIBOR rate reached 13 — 13 1/2 per cent and one year reached 13 1/2 — 14 1/2 per cent. Short tenors were in demand: 12 — 12 1/2 per cent levels. Spot riyal started the day at 3.3602 — 08 levels, but by late afternoon trading reached 3.3606 — 15, indicating some demand for the dollar.

Tuesday's closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

	Tuesday	Monday
London	482.50	483.75
Paris	516.79	518.69
Frankfurt	485.02	488.02
Zurich	490.50	489.50
Hong Kong	486.39	Closed

U.S. productivity up by 3.9 per cent

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — Productivity in private U.S. business rose by 3.9 per cent in the first quarter of this year, the largest increase since the third quarter of 1977, the Labor Department reported Monday.

The department's bureau of labor statistics said the first-quarter gain for all private business was the highest since the 5.1 per cent rise in the October to December period four years ago. It reflected a 7.2 per cent increase in

output and a 3.2 per cent rise in working hours.

The first-quarter rise followed a decline of 1.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1980. Productivity measures how many goods and services are produced in an hour of paid working time, and is a key factor affecting inflation.

Canada, Russia to sign grain pact

OTTAWA, April 28 (R) — Canada is about to conclude an agreement to sell the Soviet Union up to five million tons of grain a year over five years, trade sources said.

They told reporters that the deal calls for Canada to sell Moscow a minimum of three million tons of wheat a year and up to two million tons a year in barley and oats, or wheat if barley supplies are insufficient, over the five years. The price would be negotiated every six months, they added.

Officials at the Canadian Wheat Board would not comment, but government sources said they understood a deal with the Soviet Union was being negotiated or had been concluded. "It demonstrates the Russians' need for grain," one trade source said.

London Commodities Closing Prices

	April 28	April 27
Gold (\$ per ounce)	483.00	484.3
Silver cash (per ounce)	518.00	516.5
Copper cash	533.00	532.8
3 months	834.00	840.0
3 months	852.75	861.5
Tin cash	5935.50	5885.0
3 months	6022.50	5990.0
Lead cash	344.00	349.0
3 months	349.00	353.0
Zinc cash	378.00	386.0
3 months	387.50	395.0
Aluminium cash	611.00	600.0
3 months	629.75	622.0
Nickel cash	2912.50	2915.0
3 months	2942.50	2937.0
Sugar May	185.00	193.0
August	184.25	192.0
Coffee May	1079.00	1079.0
July	1081.50	1083.0
Cocoa May	928.50	931.0
July	950.50	953.0

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research Investment Ltd. P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

Foreign Exchange Rates

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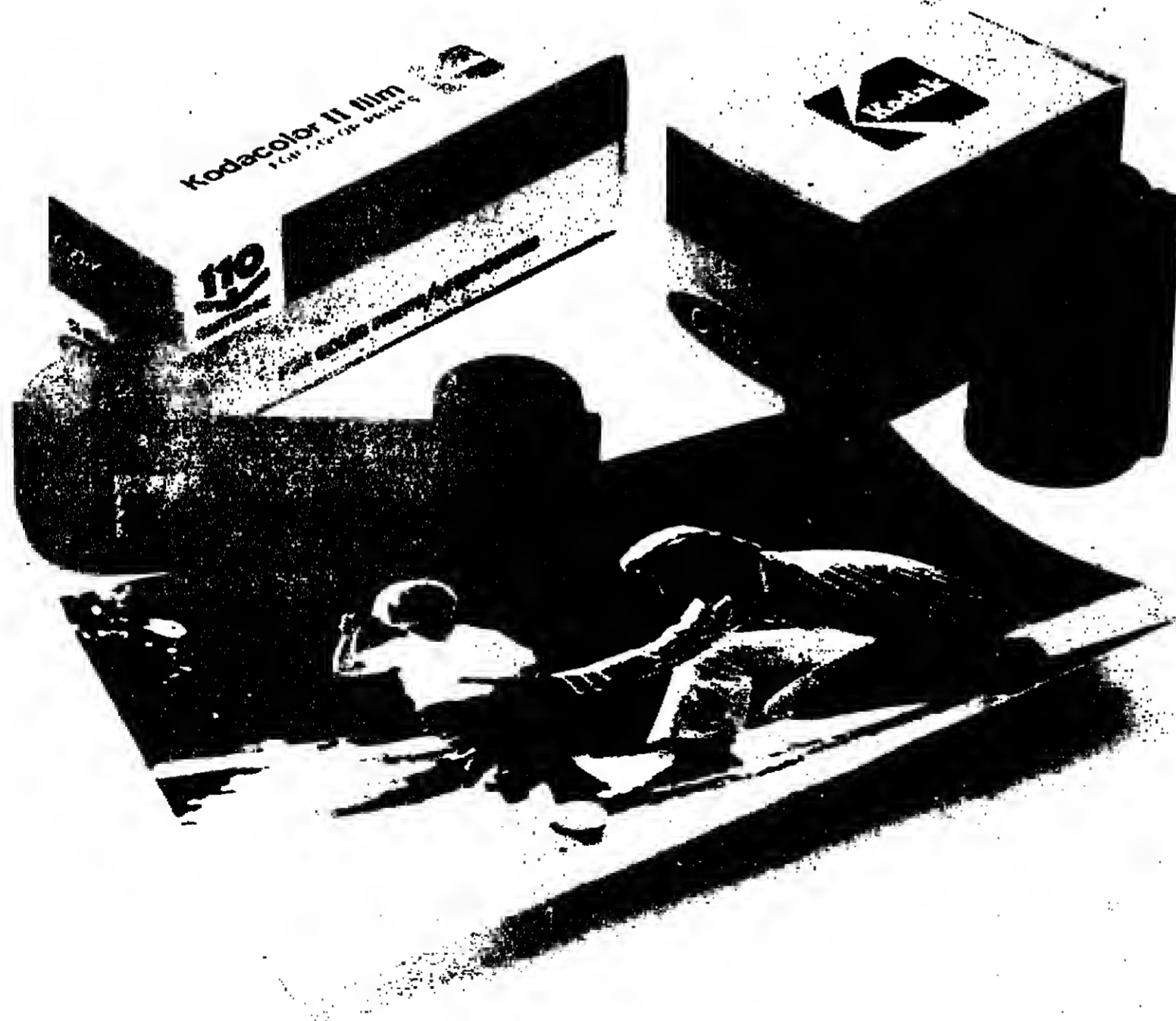
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.20	5.94
Belgian Franc (1,000)	95.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.85	2.70	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	154.00	158.00	155.90
Dutch Guilder (100)	139.00	140.00	138.55
Egyptian Pound	—	4.00	2.70
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.50	91.50
French Franc (100)	65.00	66.00	65.00
Greek Dracmas (11,000)	—	—	90.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	90.00
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	71.00	72.00	71.00
Japanese Yen (10,000)	15.20	15.00	15.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.75	10.28
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	53.00	53.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	70.00	69.00
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.10
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.70
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	2.25
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	92.55
Spanish Peseta (10,000)	—	—	20.20
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	170.00	168.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	66.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.56	3.50	3.3630
U.S. Dollar	—	—	73.65
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	—

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Secretariat of Jeddah	Illumination of the 15th stage	—	2500	23/5/81
Secretariat of Jeddah	Maintenance and operation of fountains	3	1000	31/5/81
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Accord signed West to reschedule \$2.6b Polish debt

PARIS, April 28 (R) — Officials from Poland's 15 major Western creditor nations have agreed that it can put off repayment of a large chunk of immediate debts to help revive its stricken economy.

A communique issued Monday after the officials met in Paris said they had agreed to reschedule — delay repayment — of much of Poland's official debt to the Western governments falling due during the rest of this year. Informed sources estimated that the amount rescheduled totaled some \$2.6 billion. Repayment of these debts will now be spread out over the coming years.

Amid warnings that its economic crisis was opening, Poland had asked the Western governments to reschedule \$4.4 billion of its total debt by the end of this month. Monday night's meeting was the latest in a series of discussions to agree on a response to Poland's request.

The official news agency PAP Tuesday cited senior officials as saying the rescheduling of some \$2.6 billion of Poland's foreign debt brings the nation closer to the "light at the end of the tunnel."

Polish Finance Minister Mariam Krzak told reporters at the signing ceremony in the Polish Treasury that the agreement was a "significant step in the development of Poland's cooperation with the West."

Poland is in a difficult period, and as the minister said recently we are in a dark tunnel. This agreement brings us nearer the light," Krzak said. "We are determined to do everything we can to improve our economy

and improve cooperation with the West," he added.

He said the agreement also gave Warsaw a good basis on which to work in seeking debt-rescheduling from private banks. At parallel but separate talks in London, Poland has been urging Western bankers to refinance some \$3.1 billion in commercial debts due for repayment this year.

Some 350 banks have set up a 19-member task-force to negotiate on their behalf. They are expected to propose plans for long-term rescheduling within the next few weeks. Sources here estimate Poland's total foreign debts at \$26 billion about 40 per cent of which is official, or government-backed, and the remaining is owed to private banks.

Informed sources said Monday's night's agreement went a long way toward helping Poland overcome its heavy foreign debt burden, but they said Warsaw would need at least a further \$2 billion this year to make up an estimated \$10 billion balance of payments deficit. The Poles also hope to obtain an extra \$2.5 billion in official trade credits.

The sources said Poland would need the extra finance this year merely for imports of food and basic materials. The officials also agreed to examine Poland's debt service payments falling due in 1982 and 1983. They will start discussing this in Paris in September, the communique said.

It added that a special meeting has been called to discuss fresh credits to Poland before the end of May, but it gave no further details.

Exports to China double

U.S. grain ban cut trade with Russia by 50%

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — Under President Jimmy Carter's restriction on exports of grain and other goods to the Soviet Union, U.S. trade with China more than doubled, according to a report made available Monday by the U.S. International Trade Commission.

President Ronald Reagan has now lifted the controversial embargo on farm products, exports to the Soviet Union declined \$3.6 billion in 1979 to \$1.5 billion in 1980. The report pointed out that the Soviets were able to buy grain elsewhere, but "Besides a shortage of livestock feed, the resulting in food-supply problems, the Soviet Union was apparently completed with an unpredictable variety of agricultural supplies delivered on an irregular schedule, causing transportation problems as well as the embargo, the Soviets were still dependent on eight million tons of U.S. grain,

and farm products remained the big item in U.S. exports to them. They ran down their stocks and had another poor harvest last year, so they are expected to continue large-scale imports.

Carter also restricted exports of "high technology items." So U.S. shipments to the Soviet Union of equipment for drilling oil and gas wells dropped from \$123 million worth in 1979 to \$42.4 million in 1980. This is a controversial item. Some energy experts argue that unless the Soviets can get more oil and gas of their own fields, they will start competing with the United States, Western Europe and Japan for the Middle East supplies — a competition that could lead to conflict. Exports of computers were down to only \$400,000 worth in 1980.

The restriction in high technology exports to the Soviets has been kept by the Reagan administration. U.S. imports from the Soviet Union — largely go to help pay for its purchases — also were cut in half. They

OPEC output declines in February

NEW YORK, April 28 (R) — OPEC's oil production averaged 24.7 million barrels per day (BPD) in February, 16.8 per cent below that of February 1980, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly has reported.

The newsletter said Monday Iraq and Iran, whose production has been slashed by the fighting between them, managed to raise output during the month, but Iraq's production was still 80 per cent down and Iran's 45 per cent down on year-earlier levels.

This helped reduce the production level for the whole of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), despite the fact that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, continued its high production rate of 10.3 million BPD.

Iran, U.S. to open talks on claims

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — Iran has informed the United States it is ready to open negotiations to decide financial claims by Americans against Iran and it suggested the talks be held in London, the State Department has said.

The claims settlement procedure was agreed to during the negotiations in January which led to the release of the 52 American hostages.

The two countries agreed to set up an international arbitration panel to rule on financial claims against Iran made by several thousand American banks, contracting firms and individuals.

Japan urged to treat EEC on par with U.S.

TOKYO, April 28 (AP) — Europe does not want to suffer from the consequences of the Japan-U.S. automobile issue, and any "measures taken in favor of the United States must also be taken in favor of Europe," the president of the European Parliament said Tuesday.

Mrs. Simone Veil, speaking at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, said the legal

Curbs on exports

position of Europe and the United States is "entirely independent," but that "in truth and practice" measures taken by one naturally affects the other.

Asked if the European Community would follow any protectionist moves by the United States, Mrs. Veil replied that the European Community was founded on the principles of cooperation and free trade, but "it would be

very difficult" for leaders to ignore public opinion favoring protectionism if domestic industries were threatened.

She said it would be "catastrophic" to Europe and the world if six million autoworkers in Europe were added to the eight million other unemployed Europeans. In 1980, Japan exported 744,082 passenger cars to the European Community.

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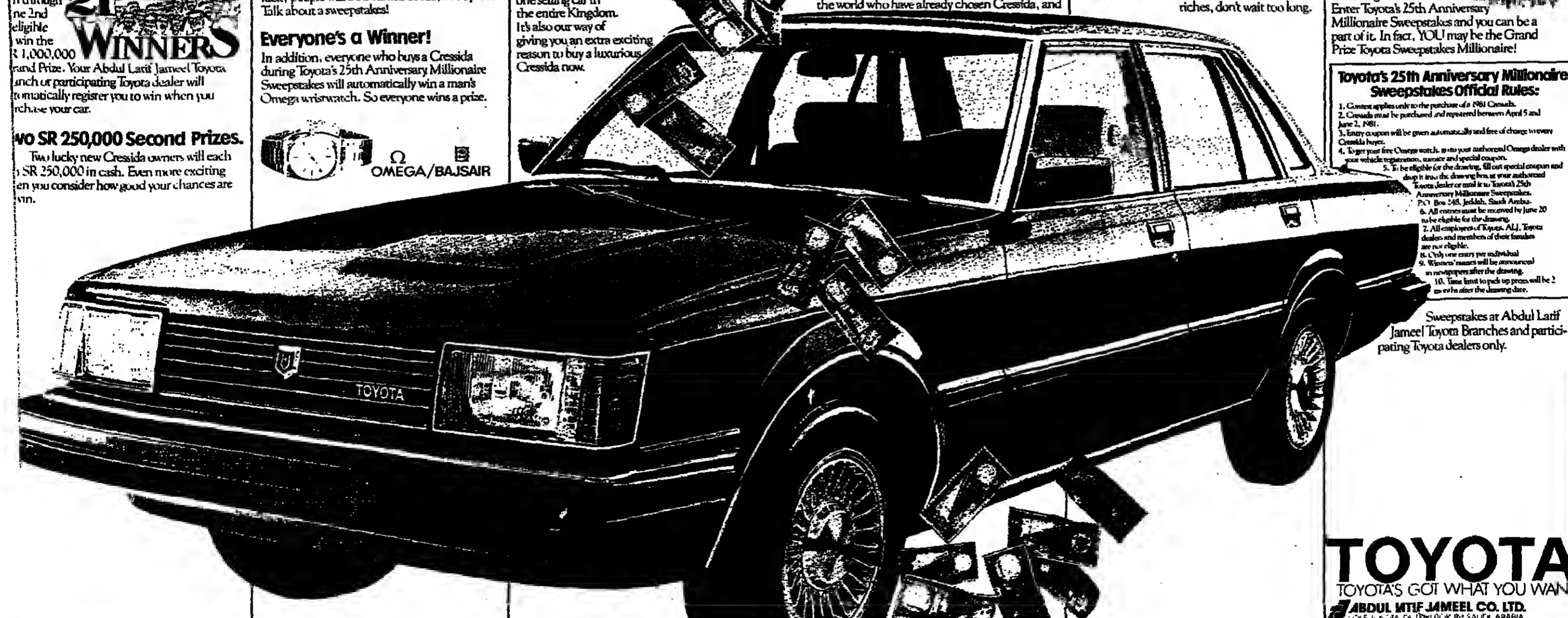
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A week studded with World Cup matches

Treat in store for European soccer fans

PARIS, April 28 (AFP) — European football fans will be treated to a World Cup festival this week with ten matches being played on the road to next year's finals in Spain.

Most of the seven European zones have reached the halfway stage, but the options are still numerous. By the end of the week-six of those rounds will present a clear picture. Group Three which includes the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Wales being the exception.

In Group One, there is an exciting battle in prospect Wednesday between favorites for the two qualifying spots, West Germany and Austria. The Austrians have taken six points from three matches, although they go as underdogs against the West Germans, 3-0

Weather should favor Ireland

BELFAST, April 28 (R) — The arctic weather which has left much of Britain shivering for the past few days could work in Northern Ireland's favor when they tackle Portugal. Portuguese manager Julio Perreira said Tuesday that the cold had hindered his team's preparations and he has delayed naming his side until Wednesday.

His Irish counterpart Billy Bingham also plans to keep his team selection under wraps until Wednesday. Bingham received some good news when Leicester center back John O'Neill passed a fitness test of an ankle injury.

The Irish manager is expected to make only one change to the team which gained a valuable point from the Scots in Glasgow last month. Skipper Martin O'Neill, recovered from an ankle injury, will take over in midfield from John McClelland.

"Portuguese will obviously use nine men at the back as they did against the Scots and we must find a way round or a way through," Bingham said.

Belgians' start as favorites

PARIS, April 28 (R) — A makeshift French team faces a tough task against Belgium Wednesday. The French, defeated in away matches by West Germany, Spain and Holland, have lost three of their best attacking players — Michel Platini, Jean-Francois Larios and Bernard Lacombe — through injuries.

Manager Michel Hidalgo has resorted to a mixture of youth and experience to build his lineup. He has brought back veteran Marius Tresor to midfield and included young players Alain Giresse and Bernard Genghini in the attack.

winner away to Albanian in their only match played to date.

Group Two has reached a crucial stage with four teams still in the running for two places. Belgium with nine points from five games are the best placed and a draw against the French in Paris Wednesday should see them through. The Netherlands, runners up in the last two World Cups must beat Cyprus on Wednesday to keep their hopes alive.

In Group Four, Ron Greenwood's England must defeat Romania at Wembley, having lost 1-2 in Bucharest after unconvincing wins over Norway and Switzerland. And although the Scandinavians have taken three points from three games, including an away win over Switzerland, the two qualifying places should be decided between England,

Injuries may cost England match

LONDON, April 28 (R) — England soccer manager Ron Greenwood remained cheerful after his side were booed off the pitch on each of their last two Wembley appearances. But the smile is certain to disappear if England slip up against Romania Wednesday.

England will be without four key players, skipper Kevin Keegan, who missed the match in Bucharest, Glenn Hoddle, Paul Mariner and Mick Mills have all been ruled out by injury and experienced central defender Dave Watson faces a fitness test on an injured knee in the morning.

Hoddle's undoubted skills will be missed and the Tottenham midfielder player will be bitterly disappointed over not playing.

Paris gets set for Cup final amid pride, fear

PARIS, April 28 (AFP) — Paris is preparing to host the European Cup final clash between English club Liverpool and Real Madrid of Spain on May 27 with feelings somewhere between pride and fear.

The French capital city has not forgotten the night six years ago when English hooligans rioted in and around the Parc des Princes Stadium when Leeds was defeated by Bayern Munich.

Then there were pitched battles on the terraces between supporters, shops looted, numerous arrests made following confrontations between hooligans and police and damage estimated at tens of thousands of dollars.

And if memories of 1975 have dimmed the French have the episodes of last Wednesday to remind them, in which Liverpool fans

Romania and Hungary.

The Hungarians are the only European side not to have opened their account. They do so, also on Wednesday night, away to Switzerland and their recent 3-1 friendly win over Spain looks ominous for all concerned.

Italy are the runaway leaders of Group Five with full points from four games and who joins them in Spain could well be decided Saturday night when Yugoslavia welcome Greece.

The two are level on four points after three games, but the Greeks have a home defeat against Italy to carry and the pressure will be firmly on them on Saturday.

Scotland, Portugal and Northern Ireland are the strong contenders from Group Six and all are in action this week. The Scots have

Crucial match for Netherlands

NICOSIA, April 28 (R) — The Netherlands must beat Cyprus Wednesday to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the finals.

The Dutch, only a shadow of the side which enriched the 1970s got off to a bad start by losing their opening two matches to Ireland and Belgium. But their hopes of another appearance in the finals were boosted by home victories over Cyprus and France in February and March.

The Dutch go into the match without gifted midfielder Frans Thijssen, who is injured. Interim coach Roh Beun has included five foreign-based players in his squad. They are Michel Van de Korp and Ruud Krol (Italy), Arnold Mubren (England), Johnny Rep (France) and Simon Tahamata (Belgium).

Hughes confident

MELBOURNE, April 28 (AP) — Australian captain Kim Hughes was confident of overcoming his "rushes of blood" as the Australian cricket team prepared to depart for the ashes tour of England.

Hughes knows he has the job to suppress the streak of reckless abandon which last season left cricket purists shaking their heads in bewilderment.

Time and again during the triangular series against India and New Zealand, Hughes calmly built score into the twenties before charging down the wicket to bowlers of the calibre of Richard Hadlee and Kapil Dev.

It will be tough, Leonard says

HOUSTON, Texas, April 28 (AP) — World Boxing Council welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard, who danced his way to the 1976 Olympic junior welterweight title many experts thought should have gone to Uganda's Ayub Kalule, finally will get to settle the argument in the Astrodome.

But the popular Leonard, who will try to take Kalule's World Boxing Association junior middleweight title June 25, isn't making

ing rash predictions.

"When I see him fight, it makes me wonder why I ever picked boxing as a profession, the man is awesome," Leonard said. "I'm in excellent shape and I'm going to stay that way because this will be a tough fight."

Kalule, who fights out of Copenhagen, was considered a favorite for the Olympic gold medal in 1976 but he was not allowed to compete because of the African boycott of the Olympics.

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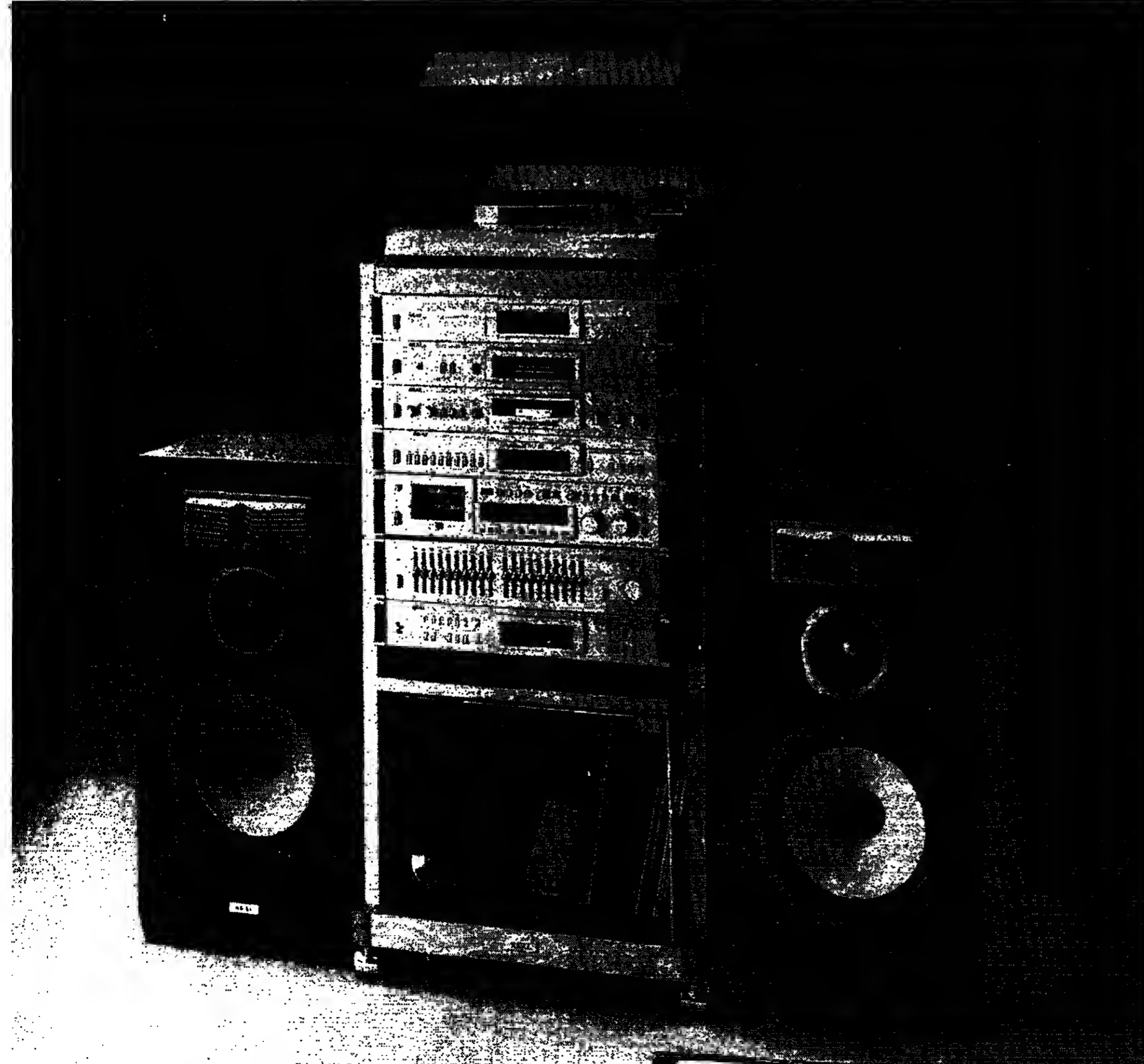
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In American League

Singleton steers Orioles to victory

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP) — Red-hot Ken Singleton rapped four hits and drove in the winning run as the Baltimore Orioles snapped the Chicago White Sox's six-game winning streak with a 5-2 victory Monday night.

Scott McGregor, 1-1, a 20-game winner last season, scattered 11 hits, struck out six and walked two before needing last-inning relief help from Tippy Martinez.

Singleton's four hits gave him eight hits in eight consecutive at-bats over two games. He had two singles and two doubles and raised his batting average to .512 with 21 hits in 41 at-bats. Singleton's fourth hit of the game, a single in the seventh, chased Chicago starter Francisco Barrios, 1-1. Dan Graham aided the Baltimore cause by hitting his first home run of the season in the second inning.

Singleton snapped a 8-2 tie in the fifth inning with a double that provided the Orioles with a 3-2 lead. The Orioles added two insurance runs in the eighth on Mark Belanger's squeeze bunt and Al Bumbry's

sacrifice fly.

In other American League action, Buddy Bell smacked a two-run homer in the first inning and Texas added four more runs in a sixth-inning outburst highlighted by a three-run Boston throwing error as the Rangers defeated the Red Sox 10-0.

Larry Hise's single scored Cecil Cooper from second base with two out in the 12th inning, lifting the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Bucky Dent hit a two-run homer and Ron Guidry scattered five hits in eight innings, as the New York Yankees defeated Detroit 3-1 to extend the Tigers' losing streak to eight games.

Lenny Randle capped a five-run 10th inning with a grand slam homer to lift Seattle to an 8-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins and snap a four-game losing streak for the Mariners.

In the National League, Pete Rose tripled home one run and secured himself in the first inning as the Philadelphia Phillies went on to



SPEARHEADS: Baltimore Orioles' Ken Singleton spearheaded his team to a 5-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox in the American League Monday night. Singleton beat Montreal 3-1 and snap the Expos' six-game winning streak. Fernando Valenzuela, the Los Angeles Dodgers' sensational rookie left-hander, hurled his fourth shutout of the season and fifth straight complete game victory as he blanked the San Francisco Giants 5-0. The 20-year-old Valenzuela also collected three singles and drove in the game-winning run for the second successive game.

In World Water-polo

U.S. downs Australia

LONG BEACH, California April 28 (AP) — Joe Vargis and Drew McDonald scored three goals each Monday night, leading the United States to a 9-5 victory over Australia in the II FINA World Water-polo Cup competition here.

In other games Monday night, the Soviet Union blasted Bulgaria 15-5, Yugoslavia topped Cuba 11-6 and Hungary downed Spain 11-6.

The Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, the gold and silver medalists, respectively, in the 1980 Olympic Games, are the only unbeaten teams in the week-long, round-robin competition here with 3-0 records. The teams square off Tuesday night.

The U.S. now has a 2-1 record. Cuba is 1-1-1; Hungary and Australia are 1-2; Spain is 0-2-1 and Bulgaria is 0-3.

The competition began last Saturday and runs through next Saturday with each of the eight teams playing each other once.

U.S. goalie Steve Hamann blocked seven Australian shots, including a penalty shot. Kevin Robertson, Harry Skroeder and John Svenson also scored goals for the Americans. Ogeorgi Mshvenizeradze led the Soviet Union with three goals. Four players scored twice

apiece for the Soviets.

Zoran Gopcevic scored five goals for Yugoslavia giving him 10 goals in three games. Manuel Estiarte scored three goals for Spain and also has 10 goals in three games.

In games Tuesday night in addition to the Soviet Union-Yugoslavia clash, the U.S. meets Spain, Australia faces Hungary and Bulgaria takes on Cuba.

Kohde advances

HAINES CITY, Florida, April 28 (AP) — Ann Kiyomura, Claudia Kohde, Ivanna Maduga and Bonnie Gadusek all won straight-set victories Monday to advance to the second round of the \$200,000 United Airlines Tournament of champions here.

Kiyomura ousted Czechoslovakia's Marie Pinterova 6-4, 7-5, and Kohde, of West Germany, beat Australia's Susan Leo 6-2, 7-6 as play began in the six-day women's tennis tournament.

Maduga of Argentina downed West German Iris Riedel Kuhn 6-2, 6-0 and local favorite Gadusek defeated Pam Casale 6-4, 7-5.

Gottfried moves ahead with ease

DALLAS, Texas, April 28 (AFP) — Stand-in player at the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Tournament here, Sammy Giammalva of the United States was beaten here Monday night by compatriot Brian Gottfried 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

Giammalva was called in at the last minute when black French tennis star Yannic Noah was forced to pull out because of a shoulder injury.

Giammalva, who has had an excellent season winning the NAPA Tournament in California and achieving the final at Houston where he lost to Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, was unfortunately for the spectators an easy prey for Gottfried.

He said afterwards that he had never played in such a vast arena explaining the reason for so many unforced errors.

Meanwhile, World No. 1 tennis player Bjorn Borg of Sweden will not play any further competitively until he defends his French open title because of a painful illness.

His coach Lennart Bergelin said that Borg was suffering from general muscular fatigue and would not be able to play competitively again until about the end of May. The French Open starts on May 25.

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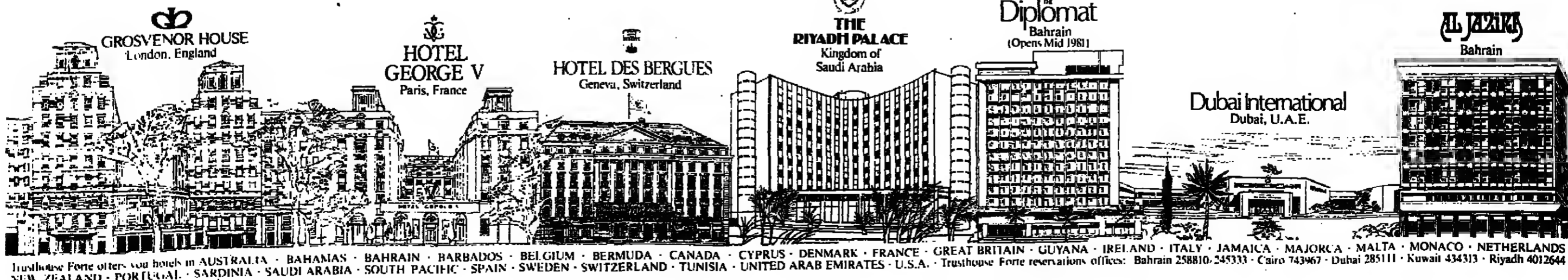
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 ♠106
 ♥A1075
 ♦984
 ♣10963

SOUTH
 ♠K92
 ♥KQJ83
 ♦AK
 ♣AJ

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass Pass Pass 1♥
 Dble Pass 2♦ Dble
 Pass 2♦ Pass 4♥

Opening lead - queen of diamonds.

Card reading is the most important single faculty required of a declarer. Moreover, declarer should bend every possible effort in this direction because, after all, once the location of the unseen ♠ cards is known, it is seldom difficult to achieve the best result.

Take this case where South gets to four hearts and West

leads a diamond. Declarer wins with the ace and plays the king of hearts, which East takes with the ace. East returns a diamond to the king and South must now watch his step or he will go down one.

His proper play is to enter dummy with a spade, lead a heart, and finesse the nine if he does, he makes the contract; if he doesn't, he doesn't.

I am ready to grant that this play has all the earmarks of being based on a peek at the East-West hands. A more normal play would be to cash the high hearts on the assumption that the trumps are divided 5-2. But in this hand all signs point to a 4-1 trump division and the finesse is therefore the indicated play. Let's see why.

West passed originally and then doubled one heart. At trick two East showed up with the ace of hearts, leaving West with at most 11 points for his double. West could scarcely double with 11 aces points unless he had either a singleton heart or a void. The plain unadorned fact is that a hand where West would have the doubleton ten of hearts and double ten is not impossible to construct.

On this basis, declarer should assume that a trump finesse, if attempted, will succeed.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1981

enthusiasm. Hold back on quick criticisms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Caution and indecision work against you. You must make up your mind, if you are to profit from favorable developments at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A too-suspicious nature could make love fly out of the window. Others are straightforward, and you should be the same. Share ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Don't let social life interfere with the beginning of an important work project - which you can start after working hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Higher-ups may be too preoccupied to listen now. A loved one, though, will take great interest in you and what you have to say.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

This is one time when the wrong advice could keep you from taking advantage of a favorable money opportunity. Family is supportive.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Don't let inhibitions take hold. This is a good time for talks with others, even though you're hesitant to bring up intimate questions.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Fastener
- 6 New Hampshire river
- 9 Turkish weight
- 10 In company with
- 12 Annoy
- 13 Scratched
- 15 Dog talk
- 16 Eye part
- 17 Dinner course
- 20 "The Drum"
- 21 Gravitate
- 22 Interrogative
- 23 Pained or queen, e.g.
- 26 Cast off
- 27 Whip
- 28 Possesses
- 29 Menace
- 32 Break
- 35 Spanish composer
- 36 Get furious
- 37 Footwear
- 38 Trap
- 39 New Rochelle college
- 40 German river
- 41 Water pitcher

DOWN

- 1 Goddesses of the seasons
- 2 Fruit of the oak
- 3 Change locale
- 4 Intimate
- 5 Inviolable
- 6 Auk genus
- 7 Layer of paint
- 8 Trouper's motto
- 11 Amiable
- 14 Italian poet
- 18 American buried in the Kremlin
- 19 Terminus
- 20 Stray
- 21 Stray lock
- 22 Campsite debris
- 24 Pursuits
- 25 Cap
- 27 German art songs
- 28 Not a soul
- 29 Dismal
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Arabic advertisement for 'Shahada' (شهادة) featuring a large stylized title and a logo with a bird.

Sands' condition worsens Savage war feared in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 28 (AP) — Guerrillas killed a soldier in Northern Ireland Tuesday as a Protestant leader, the Rev. Ian Paisley, warned that the province was heading into all-out sectarian war if guerrilla hunger striker Bobby Sands dies.

Tribe flees Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, April 28 (AP) — Nearly 20,000 families of an Afghan tribe have crossed into Pakistan, saying their fight against the Soviet occupation of their country is impossible with "obsolete weapons," the chief of the tribe said Tuesday.

Maamoor Ali Jan told reporters at Pirano Kili, near the border, that his Sabri tribe had crossed into Pakistan from Khost, in eastern Paktia province of Afghanistan, over the last two weeks. "We have been forced to leave our homes and hearths in Afghanistan and seek shelter in Pakistan to save our faith and honor, which is in danger due to the alien system imposed on our country with foreign support," he said.

Maritime bureau to be launched

LONDON, April 28 — An international maritime agency is to be launched on May 1 to prevent and expose international maritime frauds. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has been set up by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), and will operate from ICC offices worldwide.

Director of IMB is Eric Ellen, until recently chief constable of the Port of London Authority where he spent several years investigating international maritime fraud. He believes a central body to coordinate investigation is long overdue.

"Our ultimate aim is to be totally accepted by the shipping industry as a watchdog, as a focal point, as a source of reliable information and as advisers when difficulties arise," he said.



Labor spokesman Roy Hattersley

Neo-fascists hit Roy Hattersley

SWANLEY, England, April 28 (AP) — Roy Hattersley, opposition Labor Party spokesman on immigration, said he was feeling "bruised, battered, but okay" Tuesday after being hit over the head with a steel chair during a brawl apparently started by neo-fascists.

During a party meeting here Monday night, Hattersley, 51, plunged from the platform into the melee which started when a youth at the back began a racist speech. "I said something uncomplimentary about him, as did someone else in the audience," Hattersley told reporters.

"This chap was immediately clouted by someone in the next row, then everyone started fighting, including the women. All hell was let loose." He added: "I jumped off the platform to go to the aid of this chap and was myself hit on the head by a steel chair. While I was on the ground a woman bashed me with another steel chair."

Hattersley, who was escorted from the hall by police as youths buried eggs and flour, said the trouble makers carried no banners, but were clearly "quasi-Fascist supporters."

First engagement in month Reagan fights for budget in joint session speech

WASHINGTON, April 28 (R) — President Reagan, in his first public engagement since being shot in an assassination attempt nearly a month ago, goes to Congress Tuesday night to show the nation he is fit and ready to battle for his economic policies.

His 15-minute speech to a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate (0100 GMT Wednesday) will involve his first car procession through the streets of Washington since he returned to the White House from hospital April 11.

The White House decision for Reagan to undertake a strenuous public appearance was seen as mainly aimed at reassuring Americans that he was recovering from his chest wound, rather than as a sign that his tax and budget policy was in jeopardy.

Except for their annual state of the Union speeches, U.S. presidents rarely appear in person to urge passage of their policies before a joint Congressional session. And despite initial rough weather, Reagan's plans for sweeping government spending cuts and a 30 per cent income tax cut over three years looks like winning approval in the House of Representatives Thursday.

Reagan has made no public appearances since leaving hospital, despite continual reports of his recovery. His only contact with the press has been a 19-minute interview with two U.S. news agency reporters.

Reporters and photographers saw the 70-year-old president limping Monday when he returned to the White House from the Camp David, presidential retreat in Maryland. Officials said the limp was the recurrence of an old kneecap injury, probably inflamed when Secret Service agents threw him to the floor of his car during the assassination attempt March 30. But officials said Reagan was considered fit for his formal public appearance Tuesday night.

He will have to move among more than 500 members of Congress, Supreme Court judges and guests, many of whom will crowd around for a handshake or a backslap. And

he will have to stand under bot television lights while his speech is broadcast live.

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill has told reporters that some conservative Democrats will probably support Reagan in Thursday's vote on the 1982 budget bill. Republicans controlling the Senate said its budget committee planned to reverse a decision two weeks ago and support a budget plan acceptable to the president.

Reagan asked Congress March 10 to approve a £695.3 billion spending budget with an anticipated \$45 billion deficit for next year. The House Budget Committee rejected the plan and proposed spending \$714.5 billion with a smaller tax cut and lower deficit of \$25.6 billion.

The administration has said it is willing to accept a compromise plan, put together by Texas Democrat Phil Gramm and Ohio Republican Delbert Latta, both budget committee members. Their proposal calls for spending \$689 billion and a \$39 billion deficit.

Reagan's tax cuts have caused more controversy than his plans to cut government spending. His tax plan calls for automatic 10 per cent income tax rate reductions for three straight years. Democrats, and some Republicans, have claimed Congress should not be bound automatically to future tax cuts.

Italian politician kidnapped; 2 shot

NAPLES, Italy, April 28 (AP) — The Red Brigades Tuesday claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of a prominent Christian Democrat politician near Naples late Monday, police reported. The abductors killed his driver and bodyguard and wounded his secretary.

An anonymous male caller told the offices of the Naples daily *Il Mattino*: "This is the Neapolitan column of the Red Brigades. We have captured Ciriillo and we are keeping him in a people's jail."

Four youthful gunmen kidnapped Ciriillo, 60, a member of the regional council of Campania and a former president of the regional government, as he was getting off the car in his house garage. Before grabbing Ciriillo and escaping in a yellow van the gunmen shot to death his driver and bodyguard and wounded his private secretary.

The Marxist Red Brigades, Italy's most feared urban guerrilla group that has killed a hospital director and a prison guard in hit-and-run ambushes this year, claimed Ciriillo's abduction in a call to the Genoa newspaper *Il Secolo* shortly after midnight. Anti-terrorist police reported Tuesday they found the van used by the kidnapers on the outskirts of Naples.

Refugees in need of food Somali floods isolate 46,000

MOGADISHU, April 28 (R) — Two camps housing 46,000 refugees have been isolated after heavy rain Monday night in central Somalia. Deputy Refugee Commissioner Sayed Muhammad Gase said Tuesday. He said the camps were luq Jellow which has a 38,000 population and Amlu with 8,000. Both are near the provincial capital of Belet Un.

Heavy rain caused flash flooding earlier this month, cutting off another 5,000 refugees at camps in the area. Gase told reporters that relief teams were at work in all the area's permanent camps which were receiving food and medical supplies mainly by boat or raft.

So far only three flood deaths have been reported. Two persons drowned and one was killed by a crocodile when crossing a flooded area. Gase said 1,350 refugees who fled to a transit camp west of Belet Un during the earlier flooding were now in desperate need of food.

A relief operation started after Red Cross officials said a week ago that the lives of 10,000 persons in central Somalia were in danger because of the floods, which followed months of drought. Relief officials said Holland had sent 25 rubber rafts and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees had provided two plastic motor boats. Twenty rubber rafts given by Britain were due to arrive soon, they said.

Relief agencies have also sent blankets, tarpaulins, food and kitchen utensils. A meteorological expert in Mogadishu said the outlook remained bleak for the refugees as it is only the middle of the rainy season.

"I hope I'm wrong but I think the worst is yet to come," he told reporters. There are an estimated 1.7 million refugees in Somalia, most of them fleeing drought and fighting in south and east Ethiopia.

9 killed, 6 hurt in Sumatra air crash

JAKARTA, April 28 (AFP) — Nine out of 17 persons on board were killed, six seriously injured and two others were reported missing when an aircraft chartered by an American oil company Tuesday crashed in thick fog in the Riau area, west of Sumatra. The DC-3 chartered by the Hutbay Company was flying from Singapore to Pekanbaru carrying a crew of various nationalities, including Americans, Canadians, Filipinos, Singaporeans and Britons, reports said here.

The aircraft, owned by the Singapore Airfast Company, was about to land at Simpang Tiga airstrip in Riau when it hit a tree and crashed into a swamp, one kilometer from the airstrip, the reports said. According to the Antara news agency, the plane was running short of fuel and had been asked to wait for more favorable weather conditions before landing. The injured were flown to a hospital in Riau, Antara said.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

The French Communist Party's less than convincing performance in the first round of the presidential elections puts me in mind of a story illustrating the difficulties standing in their way.

It is told that Communist talent spotters deep in the French south saw a lad they judged good. He was therefore taken out from his village and given an intensive course of indoctrination in Paris, where he did very well.

He was then sent to Moscow for further instructions at the Pantheon Lumumba University, where he also did very well. The lad mastered all the required arts of persuasion. Dialectics were positively coming out of his ears. He was judged ready to go to France and start working for the party.

The party there sent him back to his old village. No better start than at home. The lad then made his first contact, his childhood friend, "You see the inequalities all around you," he told his friend. "They are so obvious they hardly need telling."

"Now Communism," he reasoned, "is exactly about this. Look at the local bigwig. His great house. His beautiful car. His many horses. All this for one man. Now look at you with hardly anything you could call your own. Our program is simply to take all this and share it out. His house will be your house. You get a cut from the revenue of the land. You can enjoy a horse ride anytime you feel like it. The car will be at your service."

The young man was really carried away by his own eloquence. He ended the speech by declaring, "Everything, you see, will be shared by everyone. Down to the last cow..."

"Hold it right there," answers his friend. "And keep your hands off that last cow. That my cow and no landowner is going to share the milk with me no matter what you say..."

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